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Lack of participation hampers police use-of-force report

Officials warn about drawing conclusions due to 'inexcusably deficient' data collection

By Dave Altimari
CT Mirror

The first analysis of how Connecticut's police officers use force in the course of their duties provides some insights, but officials on Thursday warned about drawing conclusions because of a lack of standards in data collection and incomplete participation among police departments.

The report, issued by the University of Connecticut's Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, collected data from nearly 1,300 use-of-force reports submitted by 60 police departments across the state for incidents in 2019 and 2020.

Connecticut is only the second state in the country, after New Jersey, to start collecting and independently analyzing use-of-force reports from all of its police departments.

But in a presentation to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council before the report was released to the public on Thursday, the institute's director, Ken Barone, cautioned against drawing too many conclusions from the data or trying to compare departments because there was no standardized form to submit information when the program started in 2019.

So while some departments reported use-of-force incidents in which someone was just handcuffed, others reported incidents only when officers drew their guns or activated their Tasers, Barone said.

"Data collection is inexcusably deficient" to draw conclusions, the report states. "The data must be much more reliable and comprehensive before it can show any causal relationships based on race, ethnicity, gender, underlying behavior, or crime rates that might identify and explain any trends and disparities."

Barone said a new law that went into effect July 1 of this year established a uniform report that all departments must submit. The hope is that, with a uniform reporting system, the data will be cleaner

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"Negra, negra, negra soy" will premiere today at Kamora's Cultural Corner, 75 Sterling St. in Hartford, at 4 p.m. **MAZA MONTEIRO REY**

Creating a better world together



A cast member rehearses in a community performance of "Negra, negra, negra soy". **MIKE KEO**

'Negra, negra, negra soy' celebrates Black women and unity, diversity of diaspora

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The community performance, "Negra, negra, negra soy," will premiere today at Kamora's Cultural Corner, 75 Sterling St. in Hartford at 4 p.m.

Created by the Afro-Feminist arts collective Kukily and directed by local artist Colleen Ndemeh Fitzgerald, the one-of-a-kind play brings together 10 Black women from throughout the Hartford area to share original stories about their desires and reflections on the state of the world today through poetry, singing, dancing, and other forms of storytelling.

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Court rules on Russia probe memo

Panel: Document wrongly withheld under AG Barr

By Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

The Justice Department under Attorney General William Barr improperly withheld portions of an internal memorandum Barr cited in publicly announcing that then-President Donald Trump had not obstructed justice in the Russia investigation, a federal appeals panel said Friday.

The department had argued that the 2019 memo represented private deliberations of its own lawyers before any decision had been formalized, and was exempt from disclosure.

But a federal judge previously disagreed, ordering the DOJ to provide it to a government transparency group that had sued for it.

Attorneys for the Justice Department didn't immediately respond to an email message seeking comment. The department can appeal the ruling by a panel of judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to the full appeals court.

At issue is a March 24, 2019, memorandum from the head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, or OLC, and another senior department official that was prepared for Barr to evaluate whether evidence in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation could support prosecution of the president for obstruction of justice.

Barr has said he looked to that opinion in concluding Trump did not illegally obstruct the Russia probe, an investigation of whether his campaign had colluded with Russia to tip the 2016 election.

The Justice Department turned over other documents to Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington as part of the group's lawsuit, but declined to give it the memo. Government lawyers said they were entitled under public records law to withhold the memo because it reflected internal deliberations among lawyers before any formal decision had been reached on what Mueller's evidence showed.

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Town weighs decision to condemn strip mall

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Frustrated by years and years of blight along the Silver Lane corridor, East Hartford is considering invoking eminent domain to seize control of a deteriorated half-vacant shopping center.

The town's redevelopment agency last week unanimously agreed to hold a hearing Aug. 25 on whether the town should condemn the 21-acre Silver Lane Plaza property.

East Hartford this year designated the strip mall as the priority target for cleanup to enable a wide-ranging revitalization of the Silver Lane corridor.

Development Director Eileen Buckheit told the agency last week that the town has tried "good faith" negotiations with the owner, East Hartford Venture LLC, but the two sides haven't been able to agree on a price.

Last winter, Mayor Mike Walsh told an interviewer from the Connecticut Business and Industry Association that his administration wanted to spend part of $10 million in state grants to buy the plaza and demolish its three buildings.

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The town of East Hartford may consider invoking eminent domain to acquire the dilapidated, mostly abandoned Silver Lane Plaza strip mall property and level the buildings to make way for future development. **STEPHEN DUNN/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Developer looks to build 62-unit apartment complex in Farmington

Already working to build a 131-unit apartment complex near UConn Health in Farmington, developer Geoff Sager is looking to build another 62 along South Road. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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"We have a pool of money that comes to us from the state where we can negotiate with that owner and say 'Listen, we have a different vision for our community, we have a different way forward,'" Walsh said.

But even back then, Walsh said there wasn't progress.

"We have an appraisal at about $4.6 million, we have the money in hand, we have a pretty good idea of what we should pay. But now we have a reluctant owner who is really not investing in the community, really not a part of the community, saying 'Wait a minute, I don't think I want to sell to you," he said.

Although Walsh hasn't publicly discussed the possibility of using eminent domain to force a transaction, he hinted at it in the winter when he said: "Should we use all the tools in our toolbox to really do what the community loud and clear that we should do: Improve the Silver Lane corridor and bring development to East Hartford."

Historically eminent domain has been used when cities, states or the federal government want land for highways, schools, prisons, police headquarters or similar purposes. The government in each case is required to demonstrate that it is paying the owner fair value for the property.

Attorney Mark Shipman, who represents the landowner, did not return a phone message Thursday.

The Silver Lane Plaza strip mall is one of the last remaining components of a once-thriving retail and entertainment hub in East Hartford that began a decline decades ago.

The Charter Oak Mall is rundown and Stop and Shop last winter moved out, leaving one of its largest sections vacant. Several restaurants and fast food outlets in and around mall property closed years ago, and the nearby Showcase Cinemas stood vacant for years before being demolished recently.

The theater site is now the focus of Silver Lane redevelopment: Developers Avner Krohn and Zelman Real Estate are planning 440 upscale apartments on the 26-acre site.

East Hartford planners on Wednesday gave a key approval for redevelopment of a 26-acre property that could transform the Silver Lane corridor and bring nearly 440 upscale apartments to town. Their plan is a series of three- and four-story buildings along with a 10,000-square-foot amenities center with a gym and pool.

About a mile west on Silver Lane, the 300-acre Rentschler Field is in for major changes. Raytheon Technologies last year agreed to sell the property to National Development, which plans two large logistics centers and other commercial and industrial development.

Walsh and local economic development officials agree that those sorts of projects can lead to a complete remake of the Silver Lane corridor. But that won't happen if badly rundown, largely empty commercial properties remain, they said.

East Hartford has identified the plaza as the most important site to address; it wants to raze its three buildings and seek private developers for a new use.



East Hartford Mayor Mike Walsh stands in front of the dilapidated and mostly abandoned Silver Lane Plaza strip mall in May. The town is hoping to acquire the property and level the buildings to make way for future development. **STEPHEN DUNN/ SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

The Aug. 25 hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. at town hall and will address whether the town should consider eminent domain. If the redevelopment authority finds that East Hartford should proceed, it will issue a report to the town council for a decision.

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to analyze, he said.

But the existing data do provide some insights for the departments that participated.

Overall, officers used force at a rate of just over 1% of all arrests. There were 11 people shot and killed by police in 2019 and 2020.

People involved in a confrontation with police that led to use of force were more likely to be unarmed, Black, male, under 40 years old and not under the influence of alcohol or drugs, according to the report.

There were 649 incidents during which officers drew their Tasers, although they were actually used only 40% of the time.

The youngest person involved in a use-of-force incident was an 8-year-old boy, Barone said.

Among the report's other findings:

- When compared to residential census data, Black and Hispanic males were more likely to be involved in reported use-of-force incidents by police. However, when compared to reported arrest statistics, the disparities decreased.
- Younger people between the ages of 18 and 40 were more likely to be involved in reported use of-force incidents than people over the age of 40.
- About 40% of individuals involved in a reported force incident were identified as under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs or possibly intoxicated.
- Most incidents where force was used (65%) involved only one police officer.
- The most common applications of force used by police were pressure point/control hold tactics and takedown maneuvers, which are generally used to control or subdue a non-compliant or aggressive individual.
- An overwhelming majority of persons involved in force incidents were unarmed (90% in 2019 and 85% in 2020).

Some departments not complying

While the law that was first passed in 2019 and updated in 2020 required all police departments to submit use of force reports to the UConn agency, there were nine departments that submitted none in either 2019 or 2020, including New Britain, Shelton and Torrington.

In 2019, 31 departments reported no incidents of force. That number dropped to 24 in 2020.

University of New Haven associate professor of criminal justice and former legislator Mike Lawlor, a member of the council, asked Barone why some departments apparently are ignoring the law and didn't submit any reports for two years.

Barone said his staff did training sessions for every department on the new forms.

"So we trained every single department, just so that we're clear — every single department sent somebody to participate in the training of the new system that needed to be complied with starting July 1," Barone said.

Barone said because the law allows police departments to wait until the end of the calendar year to submit their use of force reports, it's too early to tell if every department is now complying.

"We won't know until the beginning of next year whether or not there are departments that continue to not be in compliance with the law," Barone said. "I can tell you that some of the departments, although not all, that didn't report in 2019 and 2020, we have seen reports submitted using the new form."

Lawlor said there are no excuses for departments not to be complying with the mandate, particularly now that there is a standardized reporting system.

"There are outliers who apparently aren't complying with the law. Why is that?" Lawlor said in an interview after the meeting. "Why are they ignoring the law when everybody else seems to be able to comply?"

In general, Lawlor said, it is too early to draw many conclusions from the data, mostly because it wasn't standardized.

"It's going to take a while to get everybody on the same page, reporting the same data, so we can compare apples to apples," Lawlor said.

The state's largest police departments submitted the most use-of-force reports. Bridgeport Police submitted 264 reports, followed by Waterbury with 229 and the state police with 181. New Haven police filed 161 reports, and Hartford, with 91 reports, round out the top five. Stamford reported 66.

Barone said departments were submitting data differently, so it's not fair to compare departments. For example, Barone said, Bridgeport submitted forms for any instance when an officer came in physical contact with a suspect, while others only submitted forms when a weapon was drawn.

Barone said the other big issue with the data is that reports didn't include any narrative of the circumstances surrounding the use-of-force event, which has now been rectified.

"There was no ability in this report to analyze sequence actions between police and the subject," Barone said. "So in a perfect world, you would want to know that an officer began with verbal commands and then maybe they move to a physical force action, and then maybe they moved to, say, use of an electronic defense weapon. The way force data was reported in these two calendar years, we knew what force officers use, but it wasn't clear the order in which the force is used, so we were left sort of guessing."

Lawlor and other council members compared the new reporting requirement to 20 years ago, when police had to start reporting traffic enforcement data and many were slow to submit.

"When it came to traffic stops, police were resistant at first, but now they realize that it can be helpful to have the data to analyze," Lawlor said.

He believes the same thing will happen with the use of force data.

"I think eventually the data can be used to develop policies for training and within departments," Lawlor said.

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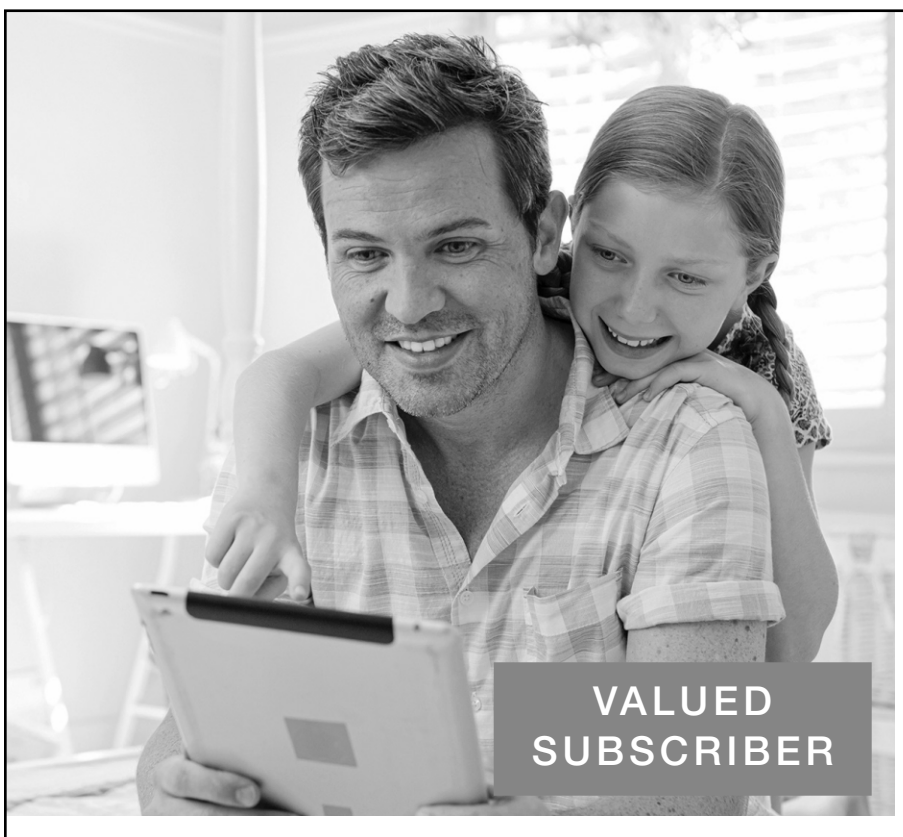
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Security guard shot at Buckland Hills mall, police say

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Manchester Police are investigating a shooting at the Buckland Hills Mall after a security guard was injured on Friday.

According to the Manchester Police Department, a shooting was reported in the parking lot outside of the Macy's Men's store just after noon. Officers reportedly found a 27-year-old man with a gunshot wound just inside the store entrance. He was taken to Hartford Hospital, according to police.

Police said a preliminary investigation shows the man who was shot was a loss prevention officer for Macy's who was attempting to stop a theft.

"We are deeply saddened about the incident that took place today at Macy's Pavilions at Buckland Hills. The safety of our customers and our colleagues is Macy's top priority," Macy's external communications associate Stephanie Jimenez said in a statement. "We are working closely with the local police department on this investigation and defer all comments about the case to them per policy."

In a news release Friday evening, police said they believed the suspect had fled the area. They asked anyone with information about the incident to contact the Manchester Police Department at 860-645-5500.

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But U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson said last year that those arguments were disingenuous because the memo was prepared for Barr at about the same time as a separate Justice Department letter informing Congress and the public that Barr and other senior department leaders concluded that Trump had not obstructed justice.

The memo noted that "Mueller had declined to accuse President Trump of obstructing justice but also had declined to exonerate him" and "recommended that Barr 'reach a judgment' on whether the evidence constituted obstruction of justice," the panel wrote Friday. The memo also noted that "the Report's failure to take a definitive position could be read to imply an accusation against President Trump" if the confidential report were released to the public, the court wrote.

Jordan Libowitz, a spokesperson for Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, hailed Friday's ruling.

"Attorney General Barr cited this memo as a reason not to charge President Trump with obstruction of justice," Libowitz said in a statement. "The American people deserve to know what it says. Now they will."

In his letter to Congress, the court noted, Barr stated that his "determination was made without regard to, and is not based on, the constitutional considerations that surround the indictment and criminal prosecution of a sitting president."



William Barr, right, was attorney general under former President Donald Trump in 2019 and 2020. **EVAN VUCCI/AP 2020**

In the portions of the memo that were released, the appellate panel wrote, Justice Department officials "redacted references to a constitutional bar on prosecuting a sitting President," including "the caveat that the memorandum's recommendation would apply only 'were there no constitutional barrier' to prosecution" — meaning after Trump's time in office had concluded.

Therefore, the panel wrote, Justice didn't initially disclose "that the memorandum's analysis assumed President Trump could not be charged with a crime while in office."

Instead the Department, like Mueller, "took as a given that the Constitution would bar the prosecution of a sitting President," the court wrote.

The government said it had indeed already concluded that there would be no obstruction prosecution. But it said the memo concerned a separate issue: whether the evidence Mueller had collected could support a conclusion that Trump had obstructed justice.

In its ruling Friday, the appellate panel wrote that, had Justice Department officials made clear to the court that the memo related to Barr's decision on making a public statement about the report, rulings in the case might have been different.

"Because the Department did not tie the memorandum to deliberations about the relevant decision, the Department failed to justify its reliance on the deliberative-process privilege," according to the ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Barr and other senior officials concluded that Trump's actions didn't amount to obstruction, and the attorney general shared that assessment with Congress soon after the memo was complete. Mueller's team did not reach a conclusion on whether Trump had obstructed justice.

Bloomberg News contributed.

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It was co-produced with Sage Seeker Productions and in partnership with Hartford Public Library, Connecticut Historical Society, and funded by Connecticut Office of The Arts and The Greater Hartford Arts Council. The cast includes Diane Robinson, Sonyetta Strickland, Kaysle Stewart, Gail Martin, Jocelyn Cerda, Linda Martin, Ula Dodson, Terri-Ann Williams, Danessa Pedroso, and Ashley Innocent.

The piece itself, "Negra, Negra, negra soy," was created by a group of 20 Black women of African descent from Brazil, Colombia, the Caribbean, Argentina (where Fitzgerald lived for five years), and many other places.

Fitzgerald said that there is a deep importance to having the performance take place within the community.

"The importance of recognizing that you're Black, that you're of African descent — that's something to be proud of. That's something that links you with other people," she said. "It's very, very uncommon even today in the U.S., in Argentina, to see this many Black women centered, their voices centered, performing something that they desire, to say the things that they want to say. That's how the piece is created."

Not only will the play take place within the community, but is cast entirely of community members.

"So, the idea also of choosing community members of many different backgrounds [and] many different ages who have never done this before is just uplifting the idea that everyone has something to say. Everyone has a story and everyone has something important to contribute to this. I believe we're all trying to make a better world. That's the important part about all of these women who are participating. They're contributing to that goal of creating a better world together," she said.



A cast member smiles during rehearsal. The one-of-a-kind play brings together 10 Black women from throughout the Hartford area to share original stories about their desires and reflections on the state of the world today through poetry, song, dance and other forms of storytelling. **MIKE KEO PHOTOS**

This purpose made Kamora Herrington, founder of Kamora's Cultural Corner, open her doors for the arts collective to debut the performance.

"I'm seriously looking forward to this," Herrington said. "This show has to happen because as Black women throughout the diaspora, we are separated by these strange, weird little pieces of culture that have been bestowed upon us by colonialism. And as we figure out how to connect with each other, there needs to be places like "Negra, negra, negra soy," where Black women are able to celebrate the uniqueness of their Blackness and the uniqueness of themselves."

Fitzgerald said that people should expect a night of transformation and magic.



Cast members gather during a rehearsal for "Negra, negra, negra, soy" that will premiere today at Kamora's Cultural Corner, 75 Sterling St. in Hartford at 4 p.m.

"[The] Black women are from Hartford. And it's going to be multidisciplinary, meaning some will be leading poetry, some will be doing some storytelling. There's also going to be a little bit of singing, a little bit of movement dance, so it's really going to be a lot of different creative expression[s]," she said. "Kamora's Cultural Corner is a nature sanctuary in the middle of the night. What we've done with the stage for "Negra, negra, negra soy," is create an oasis of use for these performers to share their stories."

Herrington hopes that people who come to see the performance will come out ready to think about other people's experiences.

"For far too many folks and definitely when it comes to a Black woman's experience, for a lot of us, it's really easy to become defensive and [with] an understanding of ourselves, get to the place of 'if I was her, I would have done this.' 'I don't know why she did this. She should have done that.' We continually assign ourselves, our values, our beliefs, our ways of being to other people, and use that to not understand why they're living the way that they live. But, also [to] bolster ourselves up in this weird place of [being] better, because we are different."

"I believe that the show beautifully and vulnerably asks people to step in and look at people's lives. It's up to people what they choose to do with it ... this show invites people to ... that empathetic place of observing and witnessing," Herrington said. "If people walk away from this play feeling that they can actually plan on the next thing to do, I think they missed a lot. If people walk away with an understanding that they need to think more about their own reality, because these women gave them a new way to start thinking about themselves. That's beautiful."

The community performance of "Negra, negra, negra, soy" is pay what you will. For both tickets and more information, go to eventbrite.com/e/negra-negra-negra-soy-community-performance-event-tickets-387610081187.

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Iran deal close, but hurdles remain

Attack on Rushdie creates new obstacle that must be cleared

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press



Former National Security Adviser John Bolton departs after speaking in a panel hosted by the National Council of Resistance of Iran on Wednesday at the Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington. **ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY**

WASHINGTON — Last week's attack on author Salman Rushdie and the indictment of an Iranian national in a plot to kill former national security adviser John Bolton have given the Biden administration new headaches as it attempts to negotiate a return to the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran.

A resolution may be tantalizingly close. But as the U.S. and Europe weigh Iran's latest response to an EU proposal described as the West's final offer, the administration faces new and potentially insurmountable domestic political hurdles to forging a lasting agreement.

Deal critics in Congress who have long vowed to blow up any pact have ratcheted up their opposition to negotiations with a country whose leadership has refused to rescind the death threats against Rushdie or Bolton. Iran also vows to avenge the Trump administration's 2020 assassination of a top Iranian general by killing former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Iran envoy Brian Hook, both of whom remain under round-the-clock taxpayer-paid security protection.

Although such threats are not covered by the deal, which relates solely to Iran's nuclear program, they underscore deal opponents' arguments that Iran cannot be trusted with the billions of dollars in sanctions relief it will receive if and when it and the U.S. return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, a signature foreign policy accomplishment of the Obama administration that President Donald Trump withdrew from in 2018.

"This is a tougher deal to sell than the 2015 deal in that this time around there are no illusions that it will serve to moderate Iranian behavior or lead to greater U.S.-Iran cooperation," said Karim Sadjadpour, an Iran expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"The Iranian government stands to get tens of billions in sanctions relief, and the organizing principle of the regime will continue to be opposition to the United States and violence against its critics, both at home and abroad," he said.

Iran has denied any link with Rushdie's alleged attacker, an American citizen indicted for attempted murder who has pleaded not guilty in the Aug. 12 stabbing at a literary event in western New York.

But Iranian state media have celebrated Iran's long antipathy toward Rushdie since the 1988 publication of his book "The Satanic Verses," which some believe is insulting to Islam.

Media linked to Iran's leadership have lauded the attacker for following through on a 1989 decree calling for Rushdie to be killed, signed by Iran's then-Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The man who was charged with plotting to murder Bolton is a member of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. The Justice Department alleges the IRGC tried to pay $300,000 to people in the United States to avenge the death of Qassem Soleimani, the head of its elite Quds Force who was killed by a U.S. airstrike in Iraq in 2020.

"We've got to stop this artificial division when dealing with the government of Iran between its nuclear activities on the one hand and its terrorist activities on the other," Bolton said Wednesday.

"Granting terrorism sanctions relief amid ongoing terror plots on U.S. soil is somewhere between outrageous and lunacy," said Rich Goldberg, a former Trump administration national security council staffer and longtime deal critic, now a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, which has also lobbied against a return to the JCPOA.

While acknowledging the seriousness of the plots, administration officials contend they are unrelated to the nuclear issue and do nothing to change their long-held belief that an Iran with a nuclear weapon would be more dangerous and less constrained than an Iran without one.

"The JCPOA is about the single, central challenge we face with Iran, the core challenge, what would be the most threatening challenge we could possibly face from Iran, and that is a nuclear weapon," State Department spokesman Ned Price said this week. "There is no doubt that a nuclear-armed Iran would feel an even greater degree of impunity, and would pose an even greater threat, a far greater threat, to countries in the region and potentially well beyond."

That argument will be challenged in Congress by lawmakers who opposed the 2015 deal, saying it gave Iran a path to develop nuclear weapons by time-limiting the most onerous restrictions on its nuclear activities.

Two outspoken critics of the deal, Republican senators Ted Cruz of Texas and Tom Cotton of Arkansas, have weighed in on what the Rushdie attack should mean for the administration.

"The ayatollahs have been trying to murder Salman Rushdie for decades," Cruz said. "Their incitement and their contacts with this terrorist resulted in an attack. This vicious terrorist attack needs to be completely condemned. The Biden administration must finally cease appeasing the Iranian regime."

"Iran's leaders have been calling for the murder of Salman Rushdie for decades," said Cotton. "We know they're trying to assassinate American officials today. Biden needs to immediately end negotiations with this terrorist regime."

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian villages evacuate as munitions depot burns

Putin, Macron talk about Ukrainian nuke plant in peril

By Paul Byrne
Associated Press



Tikhon Pavlov, 11, walks on Friday past the rubble of a gymnasium in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, that was destroyed in a rocket attack. Pavlov took karate lessons at the gym. **DAVID GOLDMAN/AP**

KYIV, Ukraine — A fire at a munitions depot near the Russian village of Timonovo has led to the evacuation of two villages in Russia's Belgorod region on Ukraine's northeastern border, an official said Friday. The blaze was the latest in a series of destructive incidents in Russian-occupied territory in Ukraine or inside Russia itself.

Roughly 1,100 people reside in the villages of Timonovo and Soloti, around 15 miles from the Ukrainian border. There were no casualties from the late Thursday blaze, Belgorod regional governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said.

The fire came days after another ammunition depot exploded on the Crimean Peninsula, a Russian-occupied territory on the Black Sea that was annexed by Moscow in 2014.

Last week, nine Russian warplanes were reported destroyed at an airbase on Crimea. Ukrainian authorities have stopped short of publicly claiming responsibility.

But President Volodymyr Zelenskyy alluded to Ukrainian attacks behind enemy lines after the blasts in Crimea, which Russia has blamed on "sabotage."

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Friday that statements from Ukrainian officials about striking facilities in Crimea mark "an escalation of the conflict openly encouraged by the United States and its NATO allies."

Ryabkov said Russian officials had warned the U.S. against such actions in phone calls with high-level members of the Biden administration, adding that "deep and open U.S. involvement" in the war in Ukraine "effectively puts the U.S. on the brink of becoming a party to the conflict."

"We don't want an escalation," Ryabkov said. "We would like to avoid a situation where the U.S. becomes a party to the conflict, but so far we haven't seen their readiness to deeply and seriously consider those warnings."

Still, a Western official said the war is at a "near operational standstill."

Meanwhile, Kyiv and Moscow continued to accuse each other of shelling Europe's largest nuclear power plant, stoking international fears of a catastrophe on the continent.

The Kremlin said Friday that Russian President Vladimir Putin told French counterpart Emmanuel Macron in their first phone conversation since May 28 that Ukrainian shelling around the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant "raised the threat of a large-scale catastrophe that could lead to radioactive contamination of large territories."

The Zaporizhzhia nuclear facility in Ukraine's south has been controlled by Russian forces since shortly after the invasion began Feb. 24. Ukraine has accused Russia of storing troops and weapons at the plant and using its grounds to launch strikes against Ukrainian-controlled territory. Ukrainian officials and military analysts say Moscow's forces have cynically employed the plant as a shield, knowing that the Ukrainians would be hesitant to fire back.

Russia has denied the accusations and, in turn, accused Ukrainian forces of repeatedly shelling the plant.

The French presidency said in a statement that Macron "underlined his concerns" regarding the situation at the Zaporizhzhia plant and expressed his support for the deployment of an International Atomic Energy Agency mission to the site "as soon as possible."

Putin agreed to the mission's deployment under the discussed terms, according to the French statement. The Kremlin said that "the Russian side reaffirmed its readiness to offer the necessary assistance to the agency's experts."

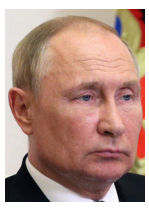
Yevgeny Balitsky, the Moscow-backed chief of temporary administration for the Russia-controlled part of the Zaporizhzhia region, said Friday that an IAEA mission could approach the plant from Ukrainian-held territory, a shift in Moscow's position which previously had suggested that the mission should travel to the plant from Crimea.

"I believe they may also come from the side of Ukraine," Balitsky said in televised remarks. "We can safely bring them to the plant and show where the fire is coming from and who is shooting."

Mikhail Ulyanov, the Russian envoy to international organizations in Vienna where the IAEA is based, said he believes a visit by the agency could realistically take place in early September.

Xi, Putin plan to attend November's G20 summit, host president says

By Victoria Kim
The New York Times



Putin



Xi

China's leader, Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin both plan to attend the Group of 20 summit in November, Indonesia's president said, setting the stage for the highest-level global diplomatic meeting since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The summit could put the two leaders in the same room with President Joe Biden and U.S. allies, who have thrown vast military support behind Ukraine and sought to isolate Russia.

President Joko Widodo of Indonesia, which is hosting the meeting in Bali, said in an interview with Bloomberg News that Xi and Putin had told him of their plans to attend the summit.

Widodo extended the invitation this year to Putin as well as to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine. He did so after Biden said that Russia should be ousted from the G20 as a punishment for waging war on Ukraine.

Neither country has independently announced their leaders' plans to attend in person. The visit would be Xi's first foreign visit since the COVID-19 pandemic and the first global summit Putin has attended since the invasion.

While the U.S. and Europe have tried to create a united global front to counter Russia's aggression, China has reaffirmed its ties to Russia. In February, weeks before the invasion, Xi said he had a friendship with "no limits" with Putin.

China has declined to provide direct military or economic support to Russia in its 6-month-old invasion, casting itself as a neutral arbiter on the conflict, but in a phone call in June with Putin, Xi offered to deepen relations between their nations.

Chinese officials and state media have stayed away from calling Russia's attack on Ukraine a "war" or an "invasion." This week, the Chinese Defense Ministry said its troops would participate in military exercises in Russia; the countries have held joint drills in the past. The U.S. Commerce Department has accused Chinese companies of supporting Russia's military in violation of sanctions.

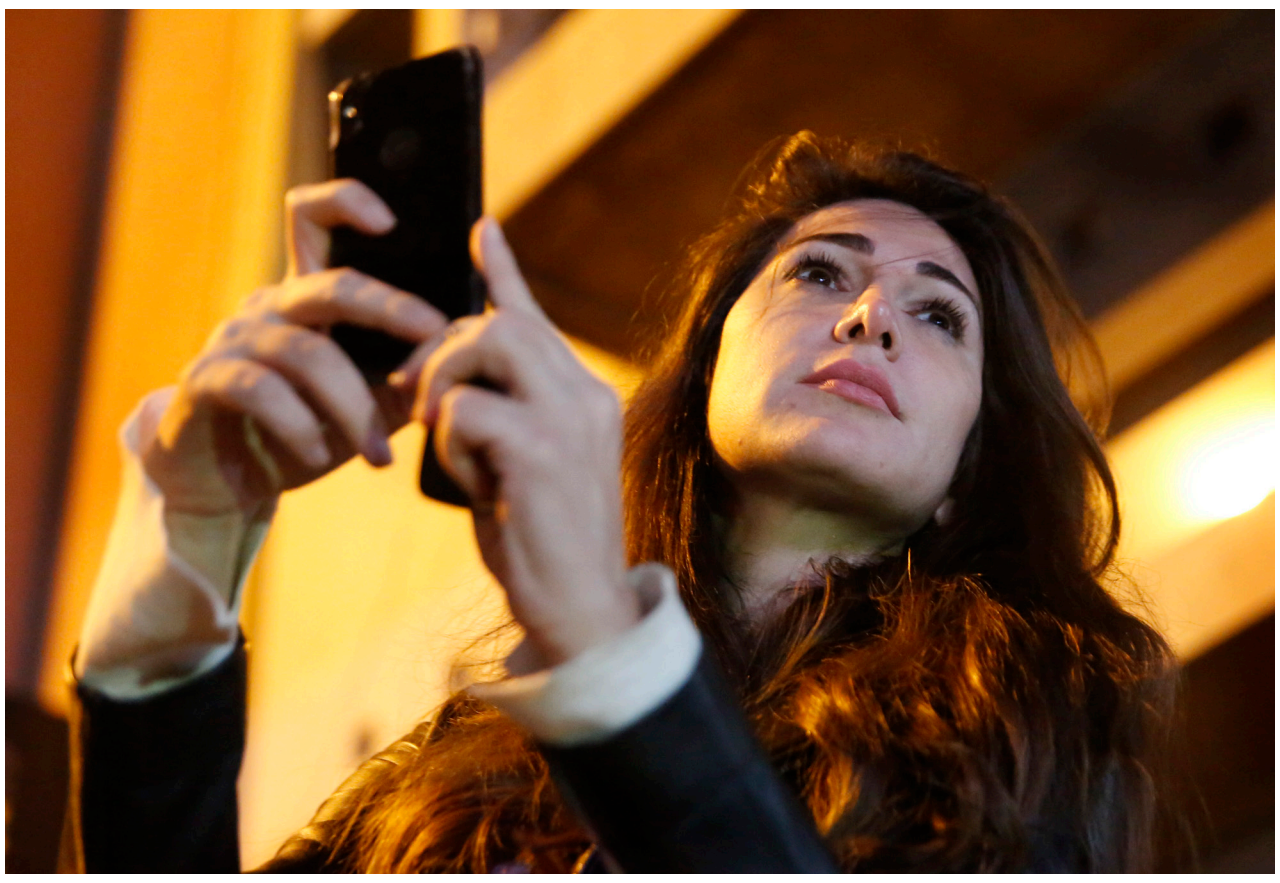
China's own military maneuvers will also be hanging over the G20 summit. Tensions over Taiwan, a self-governing democracy that Beijing claims as its territory, have reached their highest point in decades. China displayed its military might this month, encircling the island in moves timed around House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit.

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Divisions deepen in Rushdie attack

In Lebanese Shiite circles, NY stabbing draws praise, scorn

By Bassem Mroue
Associated Press



Lebanese journalist Dima Sadek has received threats in the fallout from Salman Rushdie's stabbing. **HUSSEIN MALLA/AP 2019**

BEIRUT — The stabbing of author Salman Rushdie has laid bare divisions in Lebanon's Shiite Muslim community, pitting a few denouncing the violence against fervent followers of the Iran-backed Shiite militant Hezbollah group who have praised the attack.

One Rushdie defender received death threats.

The attack struck close to home among Lebanon's Shiites. The assailant, Hadi Matar, 24, is a dual Lebanese-U.S. citizen, and his father lives in a village in Hezbollah-dominated southern Lebanon. Matar's mother has said she believes her son's visit to the village of Yaroun in 2018 turned him into a religious zealot.

A judge Thursday refused to grant bail to Matar, who appeared in a western New York courtroom after a grand jury indicted him on charges that he rushed the stage at the Chautauqua Institution and stabbed Rushdie multiple times in front of a horrified crowd.

Matar stayed quiet during the hearing while his lawyer unsuccessfully tried to persuade the judge that he should be released while he awaited trial. Public defender Nathaniel Barone said Matar had no criminal record and wouldn't flee the country if released.

Barone also asked the judge to do something to stop reporters from trying to contact Matar while in jail. The lawyer said the jail had received "several hundred phone calls" from people trying to reach Matar. Some of that media outreach resulted in Matar giving a brief interview to The New York Post, in which he talked about disliking Rushdie and praised Iran's late supreme leader.

The religious edict, or fatwa, urging Muslims to kill Rushdie was issued in 1989 by Iran's then-spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who accused the author of blasphemy for his portrayal of the Prophet Muhammad in the novel "The Satanic Verses."

Iran, a Hezbollah ally, has praised the Aug. 12 attack but denied direct involvement. Hezbollah officials have been tight-lipped since the attack on Rushdie as he was about to give a lecture in western New York.

Rushdie, 75, suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and in an eye, but was removed from a ventilator last week and able to talk.

Most Lebanese Shiites support Hezbollah and the more secular allied Amal movement of Parliament Speaker Nabih, which won all 27 seats allocated to the sect during this year's parliamentary elections. Parliament and Cabinet seats are divided in Lebanon in accordance with religious affiliations.

Still, there is a vocal minority of Hezbollah critics among Shiites. Several were attacked and one was shot dead last year.

As the controversy swirled, an old video of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah resurfaced on social media. In it, Nasrallah said that "no one would have dared to attack Islam's Prophet Muhammad again" if Rushdie had been killed immediately after the fatwa.

Some Hezbollah critics have accused the group and its supporters of teaching their children to kill in the name of religion,

Matar's mother, Silvana Fardos, told the local Al-Jadeed TV this week that her son had lived all his life in the United States until he visited Lebanon for the first and last time in 2018.

That trip changed him forever, she said.

"After he returned from Lebanon he was a different human being ... I knew that he had a long depression and I was expecting one day to wake up and find out that he had committed suicide," Fardos said, alleging that her son was mistreated by his father.

Asked if she asked herself whether she had raised a terrorist or an extremist, the mother said: "No. I raised an angel."

Journalists have been prevented from entering Yaroun, and Matar's father has not spoken to the media.

Despite Hezbollah's official silence, the group's supporters on social media are praising the attack.

Some released threats against prominent journalist Dima Sadek after she posted on her Twitter account a photo of Khomeini and Gen. Qassim Soleimani, a top Iranian general killed in a U.S. strike in 2020, describing the two as "satanic verses."

Since then, death threats on social media and through messages on her cellphone haven't stopped, with one man warning her, "I will rape you in public," and another saying that "her blood should be shed."

She received a text message in which the sender told her where she lives.

Sadek said despite the public threats, she has not been contacted by the authorities with offers for protection.

"This is the first time I feel I am in danger," said Sadek, a harsh Hezbollah critic for years.

She alleged that the social media campaign against her is orchestrated by Nasrallah's son, Jawad.

She said she is restricting her movements for the first time.

The Committee to Protect Journalists urged the Lebanese authorities to launch an investigation and protect Sadek.

Shiite journalist Mohamad Barakat, managing editor of the Asas Media news website, also came under attack after he wrote that by stabbing Rushdie, Matar "stabbed Shiites who live in Europe and America."

In the other camp, Lebanese journalist Radwan Akil of the renowned local daily An-Nahar said in seemingly contradictory remarks that he condoned the fatwa against Rushdie, but not the killing of anyone, including writers.

"I am of course with political freedoms and freedom of expression ... but I'm not for criticizing the greatest man in history, the Prophet Muhammad, and I also reject the criticism of Jesus Christ," Akil said in a televised interview with Lebanese media.

An-Nahar issued a statement, headlined "adopting a call to murder contradicts our policies." It said that Akil's views were his own. Two journalists who had worked for the paper and were outspoken critics of Hezbollah and the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad, another Iran ally, were killed in car bombings in 2005.

The debate may eventually fizzle out because most Lebanese are preoccupied with the country's economic meltdown and lack of services. "They have lots of other concerns," said Hilal Khashan, political science professor at the American University of Beirut.

Lebanese political leaders have not commented on the Rushdie attack.

However, caretaker Culture Minister Mohammad Mortada denounced Rushdie's depiction of the prophet.

"Freedom of speech should be polite," tweeted Mortada, a Shiite minister close to Hezbollah's allies. "Insults or holding dark grudges has nothing to do with morals."



Kim Yo Jong, sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, oversees inter-Korean affairs as one of the most powerful officials in her brother's government. **KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY**

NKorea dismisses as 'foolish' Seoul's offer of economic aid

By Kim Tong-Hyung
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said her country will never accept South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's "foolish" offer of economic benefits in exchange for denuclearization steps, accusing Seoul of recycling proposals Pyongyang already rejected.

In a commentary published by state media Friday, Kim Yo Jong stressed that her country has no intention of giving away its nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles program for economic cooperation, saying, "no one barters its destiny for corn cake."

She questioned the sincerity of South Korea's calls for improved bilateral relations while it continues its combined military exercises with the United States and fails to stop civilian activists from flying anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets and other "dirty waste" across their border.

She also ridiculed South Korea's military capabilities, saying the South misread the launch site of the North's latest missile tests on Wednesday, hours before Yoon used a news conference to urge Pyongyang to return to diplomacy.

"It would have been more favorable for his image to shut his mouth, rather than talking nonsense," she said about Yoon.

South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles inter-Korean affairs, expressed "strong regret" over Kim Yo Jong's comments, and Yoon's office called for Pyongyang to show "self-restraint" and "think deeply" about Seoul's offer.

Kim Yo Jong last week threatened "deadly" retaliation against the South over the COVID-19 outbreak in the North, which it dubiously claims was caused by leaflets and other objects dropped from balloons launched by southern activists.

Yoon, during a nationally televised speech on Monday proposed an "audacious" economic assistance package to North Korea if it takes steps to abandon its nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles program. The offers of large-scale aid in food and health care and modernizing electricity generation systems and seaports and airports weren't meaningfully different from previous South Korean proposals rejected by the North.

Kim Yo Jong, who oversees inter-Korean affairs as one of the most powerful officials in her brother's government, said South Korea's words and actions would only incite "surging hatred and wrath" from North Koreans and insisted Pyongyang has no immediate plans to revive long-stalled diplomacy with Seoul. "It is our earnest desire to live without awareness of each other," she said.

Inter-Korean ties have worsened amid a stalemate in larger nuclear negotiations between North Korea and the U.S. that derailed in 2019 because of disagreements over a relaxation of crippling U.S.-led sanctions on the North in exchange for disarmament steps.

The United States and South Korea kick off their biggest combined training exercise in years next week to counter the North Korean threat. The North describes such drills as invasion rehearsals and has often responded to them with missile tests or other provocations.

ISIS militant gets 8 life terms in torture, killing of hostages

By Glenn Thrush and Adam Goldman
The New York Times



Diane Foley, center, mother of James Foley, and Carl and Marsha Mueller, parents of Kayla Mueller, speak Friday outside the courthouse. **OLIVIER DOULIERY/GETTY-AFP**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal judge on Friday sentenced a key member of an Islamic State cell known as the Beatles to eight concurrent life terms without parole in the abduction, abuse and deaths of four Americans in Syria, ending a wrenching effort by their families to bring the militants to justice.

In April, a jury found El Shafee Elsheikh, 33, guilty on four counts of hostage-taking and four counts of conspiracy after a two-week trial.

Former captives detailed relentless beatings, sexual abuse, waterboarding and killings by three young Britons, who were nicknamed the Beatles for their accents and their incessant banter.

The relatives of the four Americans — journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff as well as aid workers Kayla Mueller and Peter Kassig — watched intently, linking arms and grasping hands, as Judge Thomas Ellis of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia imposed three life terms at the request of lawyers with the Justice Department.

"It is a hollow victory," said Diane Foley, James' mother, adding that the sentence was handed down on the eighth anniversary of her son's beheading. "Our families have lost our loved ones forever."

Ellis, noting the gradual decline in interest in the case over the years, urged reporters covering the hearing and the country at large "to not forget what happened here."

That Elsheikh, who remained polite, relaxed and largely impassive in his court appearances, already knew he would be spending the rest of his days behind bars was a foregone conclusion before the sentencing Friday. He was slated to serve five life sentences under mandatory federal guidelines.

But prosecutors viewed every additional year as vital, given the brutality of the crimes. In a graphic 22-page sentencing memo presented to the court, the lead prosecutor in the case, Raj Parekh, requested the maximum penalty allowed by law. Elsheikh's punishment should reflect the militant cell's involvement in many other offenses committed during the Islamic State group's rampage through Syria in 2012 and 2013, he said.

"The ISIS Beatles engaged in the systematic torture and abuse of their victims, ultimately resulting in the horrific deaths of at least eight American, British and Japanese citizens, among others, including gruesome executions that were videotaped and broadcast globally," wrote Parekh, the first assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The families of the victims worked for years to secure a conviction, pressuring the Justice Department to bring Elsheikh and an associate, Alexanda Kotey, to justice on American soil. In August 2020, William Barr, then the attorney general, agreed to waive the death penalty against the men in exchange for cooperation from British prosecutors.

Elsheikh never denied fighting for the Islamic State, but in their rebuttal, his court-appointed defense lawyers contended that he was not a member of the Beatles. His supposed involvement in the kidnappings was a result of mistaken identity given that the captors often wore black balaclavas to conceal their identities, they said.

Elsheikh has not been directly implicated in the killings, but his participation in — and knowledge about — numerous kidnapping, ransom and murder plots was enough to secure a conviction under the law, prosecutors argued.

The British extremists repeatedly beat the hostages they kept imprisoned in Raqqa, Syria, which the Islamic State claimed as its capital at the time, according to prosecutors. They subjected their prisoners to abuses such as waterboarding, mock executions, painful stress positions, food deprivation, chokeholds that caused blackouts, electric shocks and beatings that lasted 20 minutes or longer. They also forced the prisoners to fight one another and to witness killings, court papers said.

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Brazil's politics of Amazon plunder

Environmentalism no vote-winner in threatened region

By Fabiano Maisonnave
Associated Press



Indigenous leader Sonia Guajajara, right, opted to leave the Amazon and run for Congress in Sao Paulo state, thousands of miles away. **ERALDO PERES/AP 2019**

RIO DE JANEIRO — In the Brazilian Amazon these days, it's nearly impossible to run for office talking up the environment.

More common is a scene like this: A candidate for Congress parades a helicopter — the symbol of illegal gold mining — painted with the Brazilian flag, through the streets of the Amazon city of Boa Vista. He defends a gold rush that has devastated Indigenous territories and contaminated rivers. In a neighboring state, an Indigenous candidate stops wearing green clothing in public out of fear of violence.

Like all Brazilians, residents of the vast Amazon region will elect governors and lawmakers in October's general elections. But as the campaign takes the streets, few candidates or voters are talking about current record-breaking deforestation rates or other environmental problems.

Instead, many politicians vie for who has a bolder promise to relax legal restrictions on gold mining, expand deforestation for agribusiness or pave highways through the forest. The few who run on an environmental platform struggle to compete and face public hostility.

Amid widespread poverty and lack of economic opportunities besides those that are environmentally damaging, Amazon voters have increasingly favored politicians who frame legal protection of the world's largest tropical rainforest as a barrier to development.

A survey carried out by the website ((o))eco news found that most lawmakers from Brazil's nine Amazon states voted in favor of five major bills that soften environmental laws, from opening Indigenous territories to mining, to legalizing land-robbing. In three of the votes, representatives from the Amazon region voted more heavily in favor than those from other parts of Brazil.

Today, just one of the 118 lawmakers in Congress representing the Amazon was elected on a socio-environmental platform. Joenia Wapichana, only the second Indigenous leader elected to the national parliament in Brazil's history, is from Roraima state, where Indigenous people make up 11% of the population, the highest in the country.

In her bid for reelection, one of her opponents is a gold prospector and businessman named Rodrigo Martins de Mello, who has used a helicopter as the trademark of his campaign. Aircraft is the only way to transport prospectors and equipment to remote Indigenous reserves, such as that belonging to the Yanomami people, where most illegal gold mining occurs in Roraima.

In a phone interview with The Associated Press, Mello, who is campaigning under the name Rodrigo Cataratas, (Rodrigo Waterfall in English), promised to defend the rights of prospectors, who he estimated number 40,000.

The tendency to discount the value of the forest is stronger in regions where migrants of European ancestry arrived in the 1960s and '70s. To attract people to the Amazon, the military government at that time built roads, turned a blind eye to a chaotic gold rush and gave away vast swaths of pristine rainforest where isolated Indigenous tribes lived. Disease and forced displacement brought some groups to the brink of extermination.

That is the case in Rondonia, where most cities were founded beginning in the 1970s by such migrants from southern Brazil. Today it is one of the most deforested Amazon states and a large beef producer, with soybean agriculture on the uptick.

Last year, Rondonia's State Assembly voted unanimously to reduce a protected area by 850 square miles, an area larger than greater London, to allow in illegal cattle ranchers and open rainforest to agribusiness. Governor Marcos Rocha, a staunch ally of Bolsonaro, signed the law. It was later ruled unconstitutional by a state court.

According to Ricardo Gilson, a geographer at the Federal University of Rondonia, large swaths of the so-called arc of deforestation, which encompasses dozens of cities, share that cultural history.

"It is a frontier society, which transforms the natural landscape into an extractive economy: mining, cattle, crops, hydro energy. It is not a society that regards the standing forest as something positive," he said.

The historically small and dwindling support for the environment explains why two of the Amazon's top rainforest defenders have opted to leave the region entirely and run for Congress in Sao Paulo state, thousands of miles away. They are Indigenous leader Sonia Guajajara, who Time Magazine crowned one of the world's most influential people, and former minister Marina Silva, who was elected senator twice from the Amazon's state of Acre.

For Mario Mantovani, a senior advisor to the Environmental Parliamentary Front, running an environment-based campaign in Amazon states has become harder this year, because lawmakers who support Bolsonaro have had access to generous federal funds they can dole out as they choose.

"They have put so much money into the region that it is hard to even set up a strategy against them. It is a game played with marked cards. You would be an isolated voice there, you wouldn't be able to do anything," Mantovani said in a phone interview.

Mexico sees fossil fuels in its energy future

Renewables as well as climate goals appear left behind

By Oscar Lopez
The New York Times



A solar plant yet to be in operation is seen July 14 in Jalisco, Mexico. President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is working to move the country's energy sector away from private companies and under state control. **CESAR RODRIGUEZ/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

MEXICO CITY — On a recent scorching afternoon in his home state of Tabasco, the president of Mexico celebrated his government's latest triumph: a new oil refinery.

Though not yet operational, President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador hailed the refinery as a centerpiece in his campaign to secure Mexico's energy independence.

"We ignored the sirens' song, the voices that predicted, in good faith, perhaps, the end of the oil age and the massive arrival of electric cars and renewable energies," he told the cheering crowd.

At a moment when scientists are sounding alarms about the need to move away from fossil fuels that contribute to climate change, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sparked a global shift in the opposite direction, with the United States and European countries moving to increase oil and gas production to counter bans on Russian energy.

Mexico is going further.

Driven by Lopez Obrador's long-held goal to wrest control of the energy sector from private companies and allow state firms to dominate the market, the government is undermining efforts to expand renewable power and staking the nation's future on fossil fuels.

The policy is central to Lopez Obrador's ambition to reverse what he sees as corrupt privatization of the industry, guarantee Mexican energy sovereignty and return the country to the glory days when oil created thousands of jobs and helped bolster the economy.

Mexican authorities are using the might of their regulatory agencies to keep renewable firms out of the market, blocking their power plants from operating, and propping up fossil fuel-powered plants owned or run by the state, according to interviews with over a dozen former government officials, analysts and energy executives.

As a result, Mexico will almost certainly fail to meet its pledge to the world to reduce its carbon output, according to analysts. The country has also potentially jeopardized billions of dollars in renewable investment and created another source of tension with the Biden administration, which has made combating climate change a key pillar of its foreign policy agenda.

"People say: 'How is he going to fulfill his commitments to climate change?' And I always tell people, 'Well, he doesn't care,'" Tony Payan, a Mexico expert at the Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, said of Lopez Obrador. "He's an oil man."

The president's press office, Mexico's Energy Ministry and the state electric company did not respond to requests for comment.

Lopez Obrador has argued that while the transition to renewable energy will happen eventually, Mexico is simply not ready.

"That technological advancement will become a reality," he said at the refinery inauguration. "To get there, we need more time."

The government has not totally abandoned renewable energy. It plans to spend about $1.6 billion to build a giant solar plant in northern Mexico as well as refurbish more than a dozen state-owned hydroelectric plants.

Mexico generates nearly 80% of its energy from fossil fuels, while renewables and nuclear power provide the remaining 20%, according to government figures.

Lopez Obrador's supporters contend the government's strategy will allow the state more control over the energy sector and any shift to renewables. The policy is critical in a country where public oversight of the private sector has often been weak, according to Fluvio Ruiz Alarcon, an analyst and former adviser at Pemex, the state-owned oil firm.

"Once a sector as important in our country as energy is controlled by private hands, state regulation becomes very, very difficult," Ruiz said. Keeping the sector under state control "gives you the ability to manage the energy transition at your own pace."

For Mexico, sovereignty over energy production holds a special place. In the 1930s, President Lazaro Cardenas seized the assets of foreign oil firms, accused of exploiting Mexican workers and nationalized the industry, an iconic event celebrated as a national holiday.

Lopez Obrador, who hails Cardenas as an inspiration, has made regaining a near monopoly over energy for the state a top priority.

One of his first acts was installing loyalists on the board of an energy regulatory commission responsible for overseeing the power sector, turning what had been an independent agency, analysts say, into a tool to carry out the president's agenda.

"You've lost any semblance of autonomy or independence there," said Jeremy Martin, vice president for energy and sustainability at the Institute of the Americas, a public policy research institute.

Lopez Obrador has also focused on reversing energy reforms approved by his predecessor, who opened Mexican energy markets to private companies, including foreign firms working on renewables, for the first time in decades. In 2019, he canceled a public auction for the rights to generate wind and solar power, even though earlier auctions had led to some of the world's cheapest renewable prices.

Lopez Obrador's governing Morena party also approved a bill to rewrite rules governing how power plants inject electricity to the grid, reversing previous changes that required cheaper, often renewable energy to be dispatched first, and instead prioritizing state-owned plants.

The new law, which was widely criticized by the private sector and environmentalists, was narrowly upheld by the Supreme Court in April, but it remains tied up in several lawsuits.

Government authorities have also prevented at least 14 privately owned wind and solar plants that have already been built from operating commercially, according to two industry executives who requested anonymity out of fear of government reprisals.

And even as it blocks renewable energy, the state plans to invest $6.2 billion to build 15 fossil fuel-powered plants by 2024, government documents show.

The authorities' targeting of the renewable sector has had major economic impact: Foreign direct investment in the energy sector plunged from $5 billion in 2018, when Lopez Obrador took office, to less than $600 million last year, according to government figures.

"Mexico is not open for energy investment," Payan said. "It's simply shut down."

With U.S. firms already having invested heavily in the Mexican energy sector, the policy changes have become an increasing source of tension with Washington. The Biden administration said recently it was seeking high-level discussions with Mexico over its energy policies, raising the specter of new tariffs.

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Judge orders Graham to testify in Georgia election investigation

From news services

Sen. Lindsey Graham can't put off his appearance before a special grand jury investigating whether then-President Donald Trump and others illegally tried to influence the 2020 election in Georgia, a federal judge said Friday.

Earlier this week, U.S. District Judge Leigh Martin May ordered Graham, R-S.C., to honor his subpoena for the special grand jury. Graham's attorneys appealed that order to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and asked May to stay her ruling and prohibit the special grand jury from questioning him while that appeal plays out. May declined that request Friday.

"Under the circumstances, further delay of Senator Graham's testimony would greatly compound the overall delay in carrying out the grand jury's investigation," May wrote. "Further delay thus poses a significant risk of overall hindrance to the grand jury's investigation, and the Court therefore finds that granting a stay would almost certainly result in material injury to the grand jury and its investigation."

Graham is scheduled to testify Tuesday. But he still has another motion to stay May's ruling, pending before the 11th Circuit.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis opened the investigation early last year and in July filed petitions seeking to compel testimony from seven Trump advisers and associates, including Graham.

Former New York mayor and Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, who's been told he's a target of the investigation, testified before the special grand jury for nearly six hours on Wednesday. Two other lawyers who advised Trump, John Eastman and Jenna Ellis, were ordered this week to appear before the panel later this month.

Abortion coverage: Walmart, the nation's largest employer, is expanding its abortion coverage for employees after staying largely mum on the issue for months following the Supreme Court ruling that scrapped a nationwide right to abortion.

In a memo sent to employees Friday, the company said its health care plans will now cover abortion for employees "when there is a health risk to the mother, rape or incest, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage or lack of fetal viability."

The new policy will also offer "travel support" for workers and dependents covered under their health care plans so they can access services that are not available within 100 miles of their locations, Donna Morris, the retailer's chief people officer, said in the memo.

Walmart employs nearly 1.6 million people in the U.S.

In Arkansas, where the company is based, abortion is banned under all circumstances unless the procedure is needed to protect the life of the mother in a medical emergency. There are no exceptions for rape or incest.

Russia gas pipeline: A key pipeline conveying Russian natural gas to Europe will shut down for three days at the end of this month to undergo "routine maintenance," Russia's state-owned energy company Gazprom said Friday.

In a statement posted online, Gazprom said the only operational turbine at a key compressor station along the Nord Stream 1 pipeline, which links western Russia and Germany, will shut down for maintenance from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

"A set of routine maintenance in accordance with the current maintenance contract will be carried out jointly with Siemens specialists," the company said, in a reference to its German partner, Siemens Energy.

Gazprom said once the work is completed, the flow of gas through Nord Stream 1 will resume at its prior level of 33 million cubic meters, or just 20% of the pipeline's capacity.

Syria rocket attack: A rocket attack on a crowded market in a town held by Turkey-backed opposition fighters in northern Syria on Friday killed 15 people and wounded dozens, an opposition war monitor and a paramedic group reported.

The attack on the town of al-Bab came days after a Turkish airstrike killed at least 11 Syrian troops and U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, blamed Syrian government forces for the shelling Friday, saying it was in retaliation for the Turkish airstrike.

The group said the attack killed 15 people, including three children, and wounded more than 30. The opposition's Syrian Civil Defense, known as the White Helmets, had the same death total but said 28 were wounded.

"This is the worst massacres committed by regime forces since the battles stopped between the regime and the opposition," said the Syrian Observatory's chief, Rami Abdurrahman, referring to a cease-fire in March 2020 that ended a wide Syrian government offensive on rebel-held areas.

Spain wildfire: A wildfire burning out of control in Spain's eastern province of Valencia has become one of the country's biggest fires this year, and 35 aircraft were deployed to fight it as the blaze entered its fifth day, authorities said Friday.

The wildfire has already scorched more than 47,000 acres along a 85-mile perimeter. Efforts to bring it under control Thursday failed and strong winds have made the fire "very aggressive," the Valencian regional government said.

In neighboring Portugal, the government on Friday announced a nationwide three-day state of alert beginning Sunday. Portugal is in the grip of a severe drought and has also seen devastating wildfires this summer.

The measure, which grants authorities temporary special powers such as barring people from woodlands, is a response to forecasts of inland temperatures above 104 degrees Fahrenheit starting Sunday in what could be the country's third heat wave this summer.

Finnish PM party video: Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin said Friday she has taken a drug test "for her own legal protection" after a video was leaked of her dancing and lip-syncing songs at a private party. Marin defended her actions, saying she drank alcohol with friends but did not do any drugs.

A video posted on social media Thursday shows six people at a party dancing and lip-syncing a song, including Marin.

Later in the video, the 36-year-old prime minister is on her knees dancing while lip-syncing.

Speaking in English, Marin, the Nordic country's youngest-ever prime minister, said she didn't have any government meetings that weekend and "I had some time off, and I spent it with my friends. And I didn't do anything illegal."

The video was posted online after Finland on Wednesday decided to limit the number of visas issued to Russians beginning Sept. 1, amid a rush of Russian tourists bound for Europe.



Hindu devotees form a human pyramid to break a suspended "dahi handi," an earthen pot, as part of celebrations to mark the Janmashtami festival Friday in Mumbai, India. The festival marks the birth of Lord Krishna, a human incarnation of the god Vishnu, and these acrobatic feats reenact the story of Krishna stealing butter during his childhood. RAJANISH KAKADE/AP

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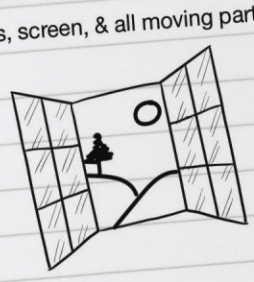
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Mixed-income housing in the works

Developer looks to build 62-unit apartment complex in Farmington, with 80% set aside as 'affordable'

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Already working to build a 131-unit apartment complex near UConn Health in Farmington, developer Geoff Sager is looking to build another 62 along South Road.

Sager is proposing that 80% of the new South Road complex would be priced as "affordable" under state guidelines, with the remaining apartments leased at market rates.

Sager and Sager Development Corp. are interested in constructing the mixed-income project about a half-mile from where 402 Farmington Ave. LLC, another Sager company, is planning a three-story, 131-unit building.

In a recent informal presentation to town planners, Sager said that Sager Development — a partnership between him and his daughter, Phoebe — would build at 80 South Road. That's a mostly wooded 2.9-acre property on the south side of South Road between Middle and Munson roads.

Sager plans to ask Farmington to create a special zone for that land to allow his project, and he's trying to line up all town approvals in time to seek state financing in January.

"We believe this is a suitable site for mixed-income rental housing because of its proximity to transportation including a CTfastrak bus stop that's less than half a mile away," Sager told the town plan and zoning commission.

"There's a lot of employment in this area, the medical services are great, you have walking proximity to the schools at East Farms and Irving Robbins," he said.

The property is about 140 feet deep and almost 1,100 feet wide and is bordered by the East Farms firehouse. Part of the land have previously been approved for a small medical office and a restaurant, but those projects never advanced.

Sager said that he and his daughter calculated the best number of apartments to build so they could make do with available subsidies while still covering substantial construction and management costs.

Sager noted that the project would qualify under state statute 8-30g, which gives preference to developers planning eligible affordable housing. The state is pressing all communities to maintain at least 10% of their housing at affordable rates; Farmington was slightly below 8% as of a year ago.

"Our goal (at South Road) is to achieve 80% affordability, 20% at market rate," he told commission members.

"It will require financing through different state agencies. And all of the homes in this development, even the market rate homes, will qualify toward the town's 10%. The reason for that is because they're proposed to be financed with CHFA and the

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A space to share, celebrate culture

Asian American community center now open in Milford

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

Against the backdrop of a surge in hate crimes targeting the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, officials and dignitaries, including Dr. Henry Lee, cut the ribbon to the New England Asian American Cultural Center in Milford on Friday.

The 6,600-square-foot facility, which has 5,000 square feet of open space for martial arts and fitness training and special events, is jointly operated by the Wu Dang Kung Fu Academy and Aiping Tai Chi.

"This is so important for us," Shirley Chock, director of Aiping Tai Chi, said. "We really wanted a place where people can come together to learn about the similarities and the culture. We wanted to have a place where ... people can celebrate their culture and share their culture with their friends."

Speakers all highlighted the significance of the center; Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz noted that Asian Americans are one of the state's fastest-growing racial or ethnic groups.

"Asian Americans accounted for more than half of our state's population growth over the past 10 years," she said, noting about 5% of Connecticut's population is of Asian descent. "In Connecticut we embrace this beautiful diversity."

Connecticut is the first state in the nation to mandate the teaching of AAPI history in its public schools.

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Andrea McKay, a lawyer, dancer and mother of five, is opening a yoga, dance and fitness center in Simsbury. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Helping women find joy through movement

East Granby lawyer, mother of 5 opens dance, exercise studio in Simsbury

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

Andrea McKay began her career as a professional dancer, became an attorney and now she's got a new gig as the owner of a dance and exercise studio in Simsbury.

The mother of five from East Granby is opening the Yoga, Dance & Fitness Center, or YDF Center, in Simsbury on Sept. 17.

"The reason I wanted to open a studio was to have my own space," said McKay, who has been teaching at other locations. "I missed being around other women. I missed that camaraderie."

The bright, spacious studio with what McKay describes as a "calming" feel will mostly hold adult classes.

There will be lots of styles of dance and exercise offered, but two of her specialties are belly dancing and hula hooping. They will also offer yoga, Pilates, barre and Zumba classes. She is also looking to hire additional instructors.

> ***"I missed being around other women. I missed that camaraderie ... It brings a lot of joy. It's good for your body and mind."***
>
> *— Andrea McKay, YDF Center owner*

The studio is a space for women to "be together" and "let go," McKay said.

For her, it's a break from her analytical desk job as an attorney in the cyber insurance field, she said.

"It brings a lot of joy," McKay said. "It's good for your body and mind."

McKay said she grew up in Oregon dancing ballet, tap and jazz.

After high school, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue professional dance and joined a troupe that specialized in belly dancing at restaurants and events.

It was there she met her husband, now a

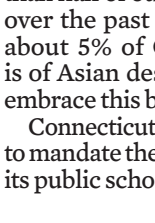
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Defrauded students get $5M in loan forgiveness

ITT Tech accused of using 'deceptive' recruiting tactics

By Lisa Hagen
CT Mirror

The Biden administration has canceled student loan debt for former students who attended a now-shuttered for-profit college, a decision that will provide 300 people in Connecticut with a total of $5 million in relief.



Cardona

Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona made the announcement this week as millions of borrowers across the U.S. await President Joe Biden's imminent and wide-ranging decision on possibly forgiving tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt and whether those loan repayments will resume Sept. 1.

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said he was one of 25 attorneys general who filed a borrower defense application urging the Education Department to forgive the debt of those who attended ITT Tech, citing "deceptive tactics" used by the school to recruit students.

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Ken-Matt Martin stands in front of Chicago's Victory Gardens Theater in April 2021, shortly after he became its first Black artistic director. Martin has been terminated, and artists and his supporters are upset with the company's board of directors. **THE NEW YORK TIMES**

'This is his story to tell'

Hartford Stage, Long Wharf join regional theaters throughout US in a collective effort to support fired fellow artistic director

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

When Ken-Matt Martin was fired from his job as artistic director of Chicago's Victory Gardens Theatre, other theater leaders found a novel way of expressing their outrage. They have commissioned Martin to write a play about his experiences and have pooled $30,000 from their budgets to pay him.

Two of the theaters involved in the commission, Hartford Stage and Long Wharf Theatre, are in Connecticut. Some of the other theater leaders who commissioned the script from Martin also have strong Connecticut connections, including Hana Sharif, a former Hartford Stage associate artistic director who is now the artistic director of the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis; and Stephanie Ybarra, a graduate of the Yale (now Geffen) School of Drama who is now artistic director of Baltimore Center Stage.

Martin was hired to be Victory Gardens' artistic director in the spring of 2021, lauded at the time by the Chicago Tribune as part of "a surely unprecedented wave of incoming Black artistic talent with the challenging task of leading the Chicago theater and dance communities out of a bruising pandemic."

His termination is one of a series of decisions by the Victory Gardens' board that have been marked by "a lack of transparency and high-handed, top-down decision-making" according to American Theatre magazine, which has been chronicling the

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Man charged in deadly '21 crash that killed wife, one other

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

A New Jersey man turned himself into the Connecticut State Police on Thursday night in connection to a crash in Woodbridge that killed his wife, another woman and injured five in August 2021.

Juan Fernandez, 38, of Union City, New Jersey, was arrested and charged with two counts of negligent homicide, four counts of second-degree assault, first-degree reckless driving, three counts of risk of injury to a minor, three counts of failure to use child restraint system, speeding and failure to maintain lane, according to the state police.

According to the state police, Fernandez was driving a 2012 Honda Accord on Route 15 north near Exit 58 when the car veered into the right shoulder and hit a tree in the early afternoon of Aug. 13, 2021. There were six other passengers in the vehicle at the time, and all were transported to the hospital for injuries sustained in the crash.

Siryania Albino-De Fernandez, 30, Fernandez's wife, was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital for life-threatening injuries and was later pronounced dead. Zionette Santos-Degil, 28, of Union City was seriously injured in the crash and transported to Yale New Haven Hospital. She later died in the hospital nearly a month following the crash on Sept. 11, 2021.

Three children, aged 7, 6 and 6 at the time, were injured in the crash as well. They had suspected serious injuries and were also hospitalized. An 18-year-old woman was also in the car and sustained minor injuries, state police said.

The arrest warrant for Fernandez detailed the crash, including some interviews with witnesses to the crash.

One witness said they were traveling in the right lane of Route 15 at around 60 mph when a dark-colored Honda Accord sped passed them on the right shoulder at around 70 to 80 mph, according to the warrant. The passenger of the vehicle, a green Nissan Altima, said they saw the woman in the passenger seat "screaming very loudly" like she was shrieking. The witnesses then saw the Honda strike the tree, according to the warrant.

The witnesses told police they pulled over and rushed to the scene to help the crash victims. Other people who stopped helped pull the three children from the car, witnesses told police. They said a woman was trapped and pinned in the vehicle with the front end smashed up against her, according to the warrant.

A man ran up with a pry bar and tried to open up the passenger door but was unable to, according to the warrant. Another man came to check on the woman's pulse and said she had a weak pulse. Emergency services arrived 20 to 25 minutes later, the witnesses said according to the warrant.

Another witness, who helped pull the children from the back of the vehicle, said Fernandez crawled out of the driver's side and kept saying "Oh my God, my wife," according to the warrant.

Fernandez told police he got home from work at 9 a.m. on the day of the crash and began packing for a family day. The family and some close friends were going to Wadsworth Falls State Park in Middletown and were going to meet another friend in a separate car there, the warrant said.

He said he stopped once along the way for ice and juice and was quizzing his kids on how to spell words like "book" and "beautiful." He said it's a favorite game the family plays, according to the warrant.

He said he remembers driving near Exit 58 and feeling a pop in the vehicle. He told police he was not sure what it was, but heard his wife say "be careful," according to the warrant. He says he does not remember hitting a tree. According to the warrant, he told police he started to look for his wife but could not see her because of the damage.

It was then Fernandez told police he got out of the car and tried to find his wife and kids, according to the warrant. He said he then realized his wife was stuck inside the vehicle. He remembered being in the ambulance asking for his wife and kids after emergency services arrived, according to the warrant.

Fernandez told police he suffered a broken left arm, fractured knee cap, had "a lot of pain" in his ribs and right arm and a fractured nose, according to the warrant. He said hospital staff told him his wife died on the day of the crash and his kids were OK, according to the warrant.

Medical records obtained by police on Oct. 10, 2021 indicated there were no intoxicants in Fernandez's system at the time of the crash.

The Honda's speed was estimated to be 70 mph at impact with the tree, according to the warrant. The speed limit in the zone is 55 mph.

A post-collision inspection of the vehicle noted that seatbelts were utilized in the front of the vehicle but not the back seat at the time of the crash. The seat was capable of holding three passengers, but five were seated in the back, according to the warrant. There were no car seats in use for the young children, the warrant said.

Fernandez was released on a $25,000 surety bond and is scheduled to appear in New Haven Court on Sept. 23.



Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz attended the ribbon cutting Friday for the New England Asian American Cultural Center in Milford, which was founded as a haven for the Asian American community. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**

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"Sadly in our state and our country, we had a rise in hate crimes over the past couple of years and some of those crimes have been against Asian Americans," she said. "Now more than ever it's important to increase visibility of our diverse Asian American Pacific Islander community, especially our wonderful entrepreneurs so that we uplift everyone in our state. We are so grateful for community centers like this one.

Qian Jin, the Chinese deputy consul general in New York City, noted Connecticut's atmosphere for inclusiveness.

"Inclusiveness brings creativity," he said. "And cooperation will bring results."

He acknowledged that China/U.S. relations "are experiencing some difficulties," and that both countries are "great countries, great nations."

He said both countries can get along with each other through "mutual respect, peaceful coexistence" and cooperation.

Aiping Tai Chi opened in 1996, Chock said, and the kung fu academy opened in 2006, in Orange. The businesses formed the NEAACC and moved to Milford in April, she said.

At their peak, pre-COVID, the Aiping Tai Chi and the kung fu academy had hundreds of students, Chock said, adding that they are rebuilding their base.

"We appreciate all the support from our guests and our friends," Master Jack Guo, who operates Wu Dang Kung Fu Academy, said.

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changes at the theater.

Martin's dismissal (for "cause," according to the board, though it has not disclosed that cause) led to mass resignations among the Victory Gardens' artistic staff as well as public protests and calls for accountability.

In a joint statement released this week, the group that has commissioned the theater piece said: "The unilateral actions of the Victory Gardens board of directors and the dismissal of our valued colleague Ken-Matt Martin hit us where we live. In response, we are collectively committed to support our fellow artistic leader where he lives — by providing financial incentive for him to expand his creative practice, use his voice to make sense of his lived experience, and share the power of that art with our cherished audiences — all across the country."

The leaders say they also hope to find work for Martin as a director or choreographer at some of their theaters.

A commission is the first step in the development of a new play. The theater leaders say that if the script has merit they are prepared to develop it further with readings, workshops and possibly a full production.



Bensussen

"It's really a commission," says Hartford Stage Artistic Director Melia Bensussen. "A standard commission. ... What you're investing in is the creation of the work. But it's also a vote of confidence in Ken-Matt. This is a transformational time for the American theater, which is why our group got started. ... Our philosophy is that we work together and we support each other."

In a lengthy essay on his website, Martin writes about his termination ("less than 14 months after my hiring") and how he declined to sign a non-disclosure agreement in return for a severance package.

"It is vitally important that I be able to speak truthfully about the needs of the artists and staff," Martin writes.

The artistic directors showing solidarity with Martin are part of a larger group of theater leaders that began meeting informally online a few years ago and has since been holding Zoom meetings almost weekly. Many of the group's members, like Ybarra and Long Wharf's Jacob Padrón, represent a new generation of arts leaders who are younger and demonstrate the changing values and diversity in theater leadership.



Padron

The artistic directors, most of whom were hired to run their respective theaters within the past five years, also bonded over the specific struggles of the COVID pandemic, sharing operating strategies and resources. Among the projects that they assisted each other with were the "Play at Home" series of virtual play readings live-streamed during the COVID shutdown. Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Baltimore Center Stage and some of the other theaters have co-produced full productions with Hartford Stage, Long Wharf and other Connecticut theaters in the past.

Besides Bensussen, Padrón, Sharif and Ybarra, the group commissioning Martin's theater piece includes Robert Barry Fleming of Kentucky's Actors Theatre of Louisville; Nataki Garrett of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; Maria Manuela Goyanes of the Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company in Washington, D.C.; Jamil Jude of True Colors Theatre Company in Atlanta; Marya Sea Kaminski of Pittsburgh Public Theater in Pennsylvania; and Pam MacKinnon of American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. These leaders represent some of the most important and influential regional theaters in the country.

"We do reflect a new generation of leaders," Sharif says. "We've been exploring how things may be different. None of us have to go through this hardship alone."

Until this play-commissioning concept arose, Bensussen says, "I had not thought of our group as outward-presenting. We're really more of a think tank."

"It's truly collective organizing," says Jacob Padrón. Bensussen, Padron, Sharif and Fleming all say the commission was a group decision.

Robert Barry Flemming, who became the artistic director of the Actors Theatre of Louisville in 2019, says that "art is something we as Americans process a lot of our thoughts through. We were all appointed to share work with our communities through theatrical practices. We want to continue the momentum to do that work. We have a shared philosophy and ideology. Our meetings are quite specific to the recovery of our theaters and the missions that we are trying to sustain."

None of the four artistic directors were prepared to comment on the specifics of Martin's termination but spoke generally about the difficulties of being an arts leader today.

"As an artist," says Sharif, "it's hard to watch a dedicated and magnificent leader like Ken-Matt go through so many trials. There have been shifts culturally and politically in our industry. There have been ongoing issues at Victory Gardens.

"This is his story to tell, at a time when it is legally and artistically viable for him to tell it."

"We've been in touch with Ken-Matt," Padrón says. "We had a front-row seat for what he went through. This is a way for us to deal with the wrongful termination of our beloved colleague and also put some money in his pocket."

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marriage and family counselor. After four years, they decided to move to Connecticut where he was from so she could go to college and they could start a family.

She graduated from UConn with a bachelor's degree in business administration and from UConn law school in 2016.

The couple has five kids, ages 5-14. She notes that while it will be a "balance" (she'll keep the day job), four of the kids are 10 years old and up. McKay said she also has the help of her mother-in-law, she works from home and the studio isn't far from the house.

After becoming a lawyer McKay got back to teaching belly dancing and hula hooping at other locations.

Anna Rzecinski of Suffield took both styles from McKay and will join the new studio for hula hooping — her favorite.

"As a teacher, she's great," Rzecinski said of McKay, noting she knows lots of hula hoop tricks. "She's very friendly, and she's funny too."

McKay, a certified hula-hooping instructor, said it's a low-impact fitness routine that's not hard on joints. She said most people think of hula hooping as being at the waist but there are at least 150 moves in addition to that and varieties within those.

"You can hoop on any part of your body," McKay said.

Student Sara Kleinman said she and her best friend signed up for a belly dancing class with McKay so they could meet up and move their bodies.

"We both really enjoyed it. We met our goals and had a blast," she said. "Andrea is a fun, knowledgeable, patient and such a creative teacher."

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The federal decision covers borrowers who attended ITT Tech from Jan. 1, 2005, until the school shut down in September 2016. It also includes those who were enrolled in the school but haven't submitted a borrower defense, which allows them to ask for a loan discharge if they've been defrauded. The Education Department had previously discharged loans for 130,000 ITT Tech borrowers.

"Today's action will provide billions of dollars in relief — including $5 million to 300 borrowers in Connecticut," Tong said in a statement. "Secretary Cardona has been an aggressive leader in providing relief to students and holding predatory institutions accountable."

Beyond Connecticut, Cardona said a total of 208,000 borrowers across the country will get loan discharges of $3.9 billion. He said there's evidence showing that ITT Tech "engaged in widespread and pervasive misrepresentations related to the ability of students to get a job or transfer credits" as well as lying about the accreditation of the associate degree in nursing.

"The evidence shows that for years ITT's leaders intentionally misled students about the quality of their programs in order to profit off federal student loan programs, with no regard for the hardship this would cause," said Cardona, who was the commissioner of Connecticut's education department before his appointment to serve in Biden's Cabinet.

To date, the Biden administration has approved nearly $32 billion in student debt loan relief for about 1.6 million people.

In addition to the news about ITT Tech on Monday, Cardona said his agency formally notified DeVry University that it must pay millions of dollars for approved borrower defense applications. He also approved the discharge of loans for those enrolled in a program at Kaplan Career Institute's location in Massachusetts from about a decade ago.

But students in Connecticut and around the country are waiting for Biden's highly anticipated announcement on student loan debt in a matter of days.

He's reportedly eyeing a cancellation of about $10,000 in student loan debt for borrowers who earn under $150,000, though it's possible he'll go with a different amount — or none at all. It's one of Biden's promises from the 2020 presidential campaign, though advocates are pushing for a much higher amount of up to $50,000 per borrower.

The president is expected to decide soon whether to grant another pause of student loan repayments and interest accrual, which are scheduled to lift at the end of the month. Biden directed the Education Department to freeze repayments when he took office in early 2021 but extended it a few times because of the economic hardships caused by COVID-19.

Those announcements will come less than three months from the midterm elections, which could have a profound impact on how Biden governs and what he could pass for the remaining two years of his current term.

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department of housing."

Sager noted that there's heavy competition for Connecticut Housing Financing Authority low-income housing tax credits and state Department of Housing low-interest loans.

His hope is to get local approvals in time to file for those subsidies on Jan. 23, about five months from now.

"That's the one time these agencies will receive applications. In the event we're not successful in 2023, we'll apply (again) in succeeding years."

Sager Development plans a long-term contract to rent 15 affordable units to nonprofit Favarh, the Arc of the Farmington Valley, which serves disabled adults. Three would be two-bedroom apartments, and 12 would have one bedroom each.

Sager built Old Farms Crossing in Avon, and for the past 10 years a similar number of Favarh tenants have lived there successfully, he said.

"These affordable units will be in very high demand. Although we cannot give priority to Farmington residents, but in the past we have given priority to persons on the Farmington Housing Authority wait list," he said.

Sager said he would research whether federal fair housing law still permits that practice and would give an answer to the commission when his company formally applies in October.

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Some families to get one-time relief benefit

Eligible SNAP, TFA households will receive about $250 per child

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Eligible low-income households will receive an automatic $257.87 per child as a back-to-school, COVID-19 relief benefit this weekend, Governor Ned Lamont announced Friday.

Known as the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF), the money for the relief benefit comes from a $7 million federal grant to the Department of Social Services through the American Rescue Plan Act. The one-time PEAF benefit will go out to each household on Aug. 21 to coincide with the start of the state's tax-free week, which runs through Aug. 27, according to a release on Friday.

"We are pleased to offer our SNAP and TFA families this one-time cash benefit in time for back-to-school shopping and Connecticut's sales tax-free shopping week," Department of Social Services Commissioner Deidre Gifford said.

The payment will go out to those with children who received benefits from the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program during May or who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and had no countable income in May.

The majority of payments will be sent to the recipient's electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. Those who receive SNAP or TFA benefits via direct deposit will have the payment sent to their bank accounts, the release said.

Recipients were notified of the benefit this week through a letter from the state Department of Social Services.

"Connecticut is the most family-friendly state in the country, and this one-time, special benefit puts money back into the pockets of families who have been struggling to make ends meet," Lamont said.

Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal alongside Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney Rosa DeLauro and Jim Himes released a joint statement saying these payments "could not come at a better time for families."

"Back-to-school shopping is always expensive and with the increased cost of food, gas and other basic necessities, Connecticut families are feeling the pressure," the joint statement said. "We are pleased to see the funding we fought for in Congress delivered to the people who need it most."

Lamont clarified this money is separate from the 2022 Connecticut Child Tax Rebate. The Department of Revenue Services is providing a rebate of $250 per child, for up to three children, that Connecticut taxpayers could apply for through the end of July. Those payments will begin to roll out in the coming days, the release said.

Some families will be able to receive both the tax credit and the Department of Social Services payment, Lamont said.

"In the coming months, many of these families will also receive payments from Connecticut's recently enhanced earned income tax credit, which is one of the most effective programs for lifting working people out of poverty," Lamont said.

9 more cannabis retailers approved

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

A state panel on Friday approved another round of applications for Connecticut's emerging cannabis industry.

The Social Equity Council backed nine lottery applicants for cannabis businesses. The council, which was established to account for the disproportionate impact on communities of color in the government's war on drugs, also approved three equity joint ventures.

"These approvals bring us closer to opening of the market," said Ginne-Rae Clay, executive director of the Social Equity Council.

Successful applicants included four for delivery service, two micro-cultivators, two product packagers and a retailer.

The approved applications for the micro-cultivators and retailers will be reviewed by the Department of Consumer Protection. The remaining license types will be sent to DCP when the maximum number of applicants are approved by the Social Equity Council.

The council denied equity status for one delivery service application, one hybrid retailer application, one product packager application and eight equity joint ventures.

All applicants seeking social equity eligibility are reviewed by an auditing and accounting firm, a third-party reviewer hired by the Social Equity Council.

The council previously approved five retailer applications for social equity status, following its approval July 12 of cannabis growers.

Cannabis was approved for adult use in state legislation last year. Retail sales are anticipated to begin in Connecticut by the end of 2022.

The council faces several lawsuits challenging its decisions recommending approval of licenses. To qualify for social equity status under state law, an applicant must meet residency, income, ownership and control requirements.



The Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows in Simsbury in 2007. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

With a $2.5M goal, criteria set for naming rights of Simsbury venue

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

SIMSBURY — The Board of Selectmen approved a set of criteria for the naming rights of the Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center, in the hopes of attracting a corporate donor for the venue.

The Naming Rights committee met earlier this year to update the town's existing naming rights criteria.

Selectman Eric Wellman, a member of the committee, said the updates to the town's naming rights policy (which include the ability to do so for gymnasiums, gardens, streets, libraries, trails and town-owned buildings) would exclude companies that sell tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and cryptocurrency. The policy also spells out that the Board of Selectmen would have to vote to approve a donor's name.

Specifically, the committee is looking for a 10-year commitment, with a donation level of $2.5 million or more. Naming rights for interior rooms, offices or other portions of the venue's structures would be acknowledged with a plaque, for a donation of $10,000 or more.

When First Selectman Wendy Mackstutis asked whether political or religious groups could become donors, committee members said that the longer-term and high-donation threshold would likely turn those potential suitors away.

Committee members also said they are seeking a long-term donor to avoid changing the name too often.

"If you change the name too many times, everybody forgets what it is," one member said.

Wellman said the funds for the naming rights of the facility would used for programming, but the interior rooms' naming rights would fund the infrastructure improvements already planned and/or under way.

"This would not be for the structure that we're talking about, in terms of the capital project," he said. "This would be really looking long-term in creating a revenue stream for programming, and in some ways, making sure that the facility is inclusive."

Selectman Sean Askham, also on the committee, said the guidelines would be put in place to make sure that assurances and structure could be offered to a potential donor, albeit acknowledging that there is some room for negotiation.

"If it follows these guidelines and it's in reasonable community standards, and obviously those shift as life goes on, that this is what we would approve," Askham said. "They need some level of assurance from us today. If it needs to evolve, then maybe we need to continue to have conversations. Maybe $2.5 [million] is too high and it needs to be $2 [million]."

For more information, visit www.simsbury-ct.gov or www.simsburymeadowsmusic.com.

5 months after fire, Place 2 Be opens

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Five months after a devastating fire closed the downtown Hartford location of The Place 2 Be, the restaurant reopened to the public Friday.

The fire, which started when a person tossed a cigarette near the restaurant, caused $100,000 in damage to the interior Constitution Plaza eatery.

"He smoked a cigarette and flipped it," said Gina Luari, founder of The Place 2 Be. "Where it landed, it caught near the dumpster. The heat from the patio burst our windows and all the smoke came in.

"Our sprinkler system went off and disintegrated everything inside. There was a flood. Our equipment got fried."

Luari said in May she hoped to reopen by June but said Friday that "it's just been very hard.

"We had to bring everything up to code," she said. "We had to put a new hood and ventilation system in. Trying to get everything straightened out, the buildout, the insurance, it's been painful."

The location is now open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. seven days a week. It is one of four locations of The Place 2 Be, along with one on Franklin Avenue in Hartford, one in West Hartford's Blue Back Square and one at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Luari said she is now "about a month out" from opening the fifth location, at 338 Elm St. in New Haven. She is also working on opening locations in Boston and in Texas.

Luari added that RAW, her seafood restaurant at 280 Trumbull St. in Hartford that received a $150,000 HartLift grant, should open by the end of October.

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Grand jury indicts East Hartford man in Brazil-to-US human smuggling case

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

An East Hartford man was indicted by a grand jury in Massachusetts on conspiracy to commit human smuggling charges, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in Massachusetts.

Fagner Chaves De Lima, 41, of East Hartford was indicted after allegedly conspiring with others to smuggle people from Brazil into the United States for profit, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

De Lima allegedly made travel arrangements and housing accommodations for his clients looking to enter the U.S., according to the charging documents. He also allegedly threatened his clients during their journey to the U.S., threatening to do harm to them or their families if they did not pay extra money.

He also allegedly created and transmitted fake documents used in the smuggling operation, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

De Lima had previously been charged by criminal complaint on one count of human smuggling in June, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

In May and June, an undercover agent reportedly communicated with De Lima over WhatsApp posing as a client who wanted to smuggle their sister and niece into the U.S. The agent offered to pay him $15,000 for his services and De Lima agreed, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

During these conversations, De Lima said he had been working in human smuggling "for 20 years" and he would smuggle people "whether you have a visa, no visa, or if ... [they] are wanted by the police." He also acknowledged the danger involved with human smuggling.

On June 16, De Lima met with the agent in Worcester and allegedly accepted two checks totaling $15,000 in exchange for his smuggling services. He also requested the sister's passport and social security number, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

"We allege that Mr. De Lima led a substantial human smuggling operation that violated federal law and threatened the safety of individuals who sought his services to come to the United States for a better life. We further allege that he reaped tens of thousands of dollars in profit in exchange for exploiting people seeking the American dream," United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins said.

The conspiracy to commit human smuggling allows a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of $250,000.

"This man took advantage of those seeking a new life in America while circumventing our country's laws that are in place to ensure public safety. As this case demonstrates, [the] FBI will not hesitate to bring human smugglers who have no regard for human life to justice," Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division, said.

CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE

Detective reassigned pending investigation

A Connecticut State Police detective has been assigned to administrative duties and relieved of his police powers pending the results of an active investigation, according to the department.

Detective Michael O'Hara's police powers were suspended on Aug. 15, Connecticut State Police said in a statement on Friday. O'Hara has been assigned to the department's Bureau of Special Investigations since 2018.

The detective is currently assigned to administrative duties "pending the outcome of an active investigation," police said. The department did not provide further details about what the investigation was regarding.

"This investigation is currently active and ongoing and to uphold the integrity of the investigation we cannot speak on any other details concerning this incident," said CSP spokesperson Sgt. Christine Jeltema in a statement Friday.

— *Taylor Hartz*

EAST HARTFORD

Plainville man killed in motorcycle crash

A Plainville man was killed in a motorcycle crash on Route 2 in East Hartford on Thursday, according to the Connecticut State Police.

Glenn Pelletier, 51, was driving his 2005 Harley-Davidson heading east on Route 2 near the Exit 5 off-ramp when he struck the concrete barrier on the left side of the road a little after 9 p.m., state police said.

The impact threw him from his motorcycle. According to the state police, Pelletier sustained fatal injuries as a result of the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene.

This crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information or footage of the crash is asked to contact Trooper Evan Goddard of Troop H at 86-534-1000.

— *Mike Mavredakis*

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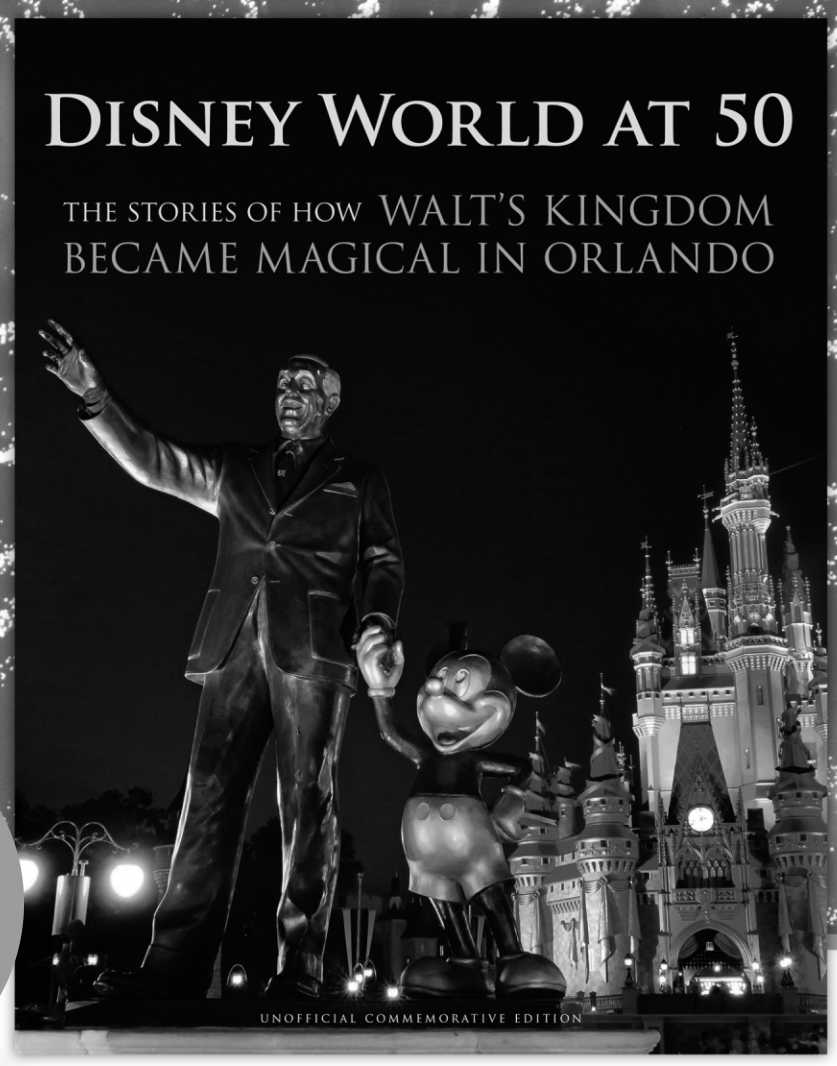
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inflation a bigger issue than Roe v. Wade

A recent writer claims that the Roe v. Wade decision will have a bigger impact on the upcoming election than oil prices. She even brags about gas prices coming down to $3.99 per gallon. During the oil-friendly Donald Trump administration, when gas was less than $2.50, it was unthinkable that it would go up to $3.99. Not to mention the price increases of nearly every food and common household item. Inflation affects nearly every American every day, as does the alarming rise in crime. Sure, President Joe Biden might have begged the Saudis to produce more oil, but that would have been unnecessary if he hadn't enacted anti-oil policies here in the first place.

Compare that to the Roe decision, which will have zero effect on abortion access in Connecticut, or most of the country for that matter. Maybe the letter writer can afford to worry more about a court decision than inflation, but if so she is part of a very small minority. I'm confident that in November, voters will reject the radical, extremist Democratic policies that have had such a negative impact on their everyday lives.

Mike Gagliardi, Berlin

Op-ed on zoning laws missed key factors

Regarding Alexis Harrison's op-ed [courant.com, July 31, "Zoning laws matter as we consider climate change"]: Yes, the climate emergency is unfolding all around us and we must do everything to mitigate the underlying cause, fossil fuels. But, we have to disagree with the author that zoning reform is in conflict with climate action. More affordable housing and zoning reform are important steps to protect the environment and make our communities more equitable. Our current low-density zoning laws push development pressure outward, putting strain on our open space and forests. Concentrating development — and making sure it is truly affordable — in downtown areas and near transit furthers equity and environmental sustainability.

Samantha Dynowski, West Hartford

The writer is state director of the Sierra Club Connecticut

Unmatched joy cannot be contained

From a strictly secular point of view, David Brooks' commentary makes perfect sense [Opinion, Page 3, July 31, "How to figure out who the 'real you' really is"]. But our innate spiritual selves have a far more transcendent or mystical response to this enigma. World religions throughout the centuries pass on the astounding truth of who we really are. This truth that harbingers unmatched joy, cannot be contained. It spreads over the ages, from one to another, like a gracious, infectious eternal presence that one catches and passes on as one sincerely and faithfully travels through life's journey.

Margaret Folse, Bloomfield

It was the Democrats who slowed Klarides

I would like to address the letter disparaging Themis Klarides' record of accomplishments during her years of service in the state legislature. For all those years, both houses were controlled by the Democratic majority. The writer picked the wrong target.

Mark F. Fox, Avon

Open space should be accessible to all

Open space is valuable because it benefits everybody in many ways [courant.com, July 30, "CT spending $10M to preserve more open space, combat climate change, ensure it's 'forever wild' "]. In the Courant article, however, Northeast Wilderness Trust (NWT) representative Sophie Veltrop implied that only people without certain types of disabilities are welcome on open space. The stated limitation, for example, to "foot traffic" and the blanket exclusion of all "motorized or mechanized vehicles" would both have the effect of eliminating enjoyment of open space for many. These restrictions might reveal the principles of conservation at NWT. They do not, however, reflect the prevailing vision for open space held by many in Connecticut, where accessibility for people with disabilities has become an increasingly important element in open-space funding and planning.

When feasibility and affordability allow, it is incumbent upon land trusts and other entities to create provisions and seek opportunities for making at least portions of their environments as accessible as possible to people with a range of disabilities (and to attend to the non-structural elements of accessibility, as well). This would include, when environmentally appropriate, the creation of accessible trails and permission for the use of disability-specific mechanized modes of transportation. The "open" in "open space" should refer not only to the land, but to an attitude of inclusive invitation extended to all.

Elanah Sherman, Norwich

OP-ED

Why Cheney's defeat will help this Massachusetts Democrat

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post



Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey is the Democratic nominee for governor and is running more than 30 points ahead of both of her potential Republican opponents.
MICHAEL DWYER/AP

FALL RIVER, Mass. — The Trumpian domination of the Republican Party reflected in Liz Cheney's landslide defeat in Wyoming on Tuesday is about more than one brave dissenter. It promises to destroy the last vestiges of moderate Republicanism in states where a different kind of GOP is hanging by a thread.

One very likely beneficiary: Massachusetts' Democratic attorney general, Maura Healey, who has a good shot — the right expression for a former basketball star — at becoming a national figure.

Currently running more than 30 points ahead of both of her potential Republican opponents, Healey is poised to become the state's first elected female governor and the nation's first openly lesbian governor. (It's a title she might share with Oregon's Democratic nominee for governor, House Speaker Tina Kotek.)

Healey combines a progressive outlook with a strong streak of economic populism and a personal identification with the state's working-class voters, raised as she was in a family of five kids by her mom, a school nurse.

A typical Healeyism: "My second favorite job to being attorney general was my years cocktail waitressing at a beach casino," she told me during a campaign stop in Fall River. "Probably learned more there than I learned at Harvard."

A Republican Party "taken over by an extreme agenda," as she put it, is making her campaign a lot easier. "I admire Liz Cheney for her pursuit of the truth and of the facts," she said in an interview after touring a new high school on Tuesday in nearby Attleboro. "And, you know, the idea that she would lose her seat because of that is a really sad commentary ... on the state of the Republican Party."

Resist the temptation to think that electing a Democratic governor in blue Massachusetts is no big deal. Since 1991, Democrats have held the top job for only eight years (under Deval Patrick) because voters here like to balance a perpetually Democratic state legislature with a Republican chief executive, as long as they're reasonable and moderate.

Also: Massachusetts is not as liberal as advertised; witness Trump's strength in many of the state's old factory towns.

The most recent beneficiary of Bay State voters' tendency to pick a GOP governor — to "keep an eye on the legislature and the economy," as Jim Roosevelt, a longtime Democratic National Committee member, put it — is Gov. Charlie Baker. He swept to victory twice and is often mentioned, along with Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Vermont Gov. Phil Scott, as part of a triumvirate of middle-ground GOP political leaders who thrived in the Trump era.

After November, only Scott has a chance of surviving. Neither Baker nor Hogan is running for reelection, and Maryland Republicans nominated state Del. Dan Cox, a Trump-backed extremist whom Hogan has denounced. This opens the way for another Democrat promising to make national waves, writer and nonprofit CEO Wes Moore. His expected victory would make him the state's first Black governor.

It's a sign of Healey's dominance and Massachusetts Democrats' intense desire to win that all her primary opponents dropped out of the race. The two Republicans competing in the Sept. 6 primary to face her seem unlikely to fare better. Former state representative Geoff Diehl is running with Trump's endorsement against businessman Chris Doughty, who is the more moderate candidate but still to Baker's right.

New Hampshire's Republican governor, Chris Sununu, crossed state lines to endorse Doughty as the only Republican with a chance to prevail, but Baker has held back. His lack of enthusiasm was reflected last month in his coy explanation on Boston's WGBH radio for not making a pick. "I have a lot of work to do," Baker said. "And I have a day job."

No one is more aware than Healey that lots of voters who backed Baker, particularly Democrats and independents, are ready to support her. In our interview, she didn't hold back in praising Baker for having "worked intently to try to deliver for the residents and respond to their needs." She added: "We worked collaboratively on a range of issues over the last eight years, even though from the outset and when we both took office, people wanted to pit us against one another."

Healey's signature is her time as a basketball player, in college and in a pro turn in Europe. When a campaign stop finds her near a hoop, her aides try to make a ball available. From the start of her electoral career, she has used basketball to drive home two themes: her devotion to teamwork and her toughness .

"When you're a 5-4 pro basketball player, you learn to take on the big guys," she declared in the opening ad of her 2014 campaign for attorney general.

As it happens, Healey's office sued Trump 96 times on policy questions. And in this year's election, the big guy who has once again demonstrated his dominance of Republican politics is giving her a major assist.

E.J. Dionne Jr. writes about politics for The Washington Post.

OP-ED

The worst memo in American history came from Lewis Powell

By Robert Reich

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin has been Congress' largest recipient of money from natural gas pipeline companies. He just reciprocated by gaining Senate support for the Mountain Valley pipeline in West Virginia and expedited approval for pipelines nationwide. U.S. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema is among Congress's largest recipients of money from the private-equity industry. She just reciprocated by preserving private-equity's tax loophole in the Inflation Reduction Act.

We almost take for granted big corporate money in American politics. But it started with the Powell memo.

In 1971, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce asked Lewis Powell, then an attorney in Richmond, Virginia (and future Supreme Court justice) to report on the political activities of the Left.

Richard Nixon was still president, but the Chamber (along with some prominent Republicans like Powell) worried about the Left's effects on "free enterprise." Powell's memo — distributed widely to Chamber members — argued that the American economic system was "under broad attack" from consumer, labor, and environmental groups. In reality, these groups were doing nothing more than enforcing the implicit social contract that had emerged at the end of World War II — ensuring that corporations were responsive to all their stakeholders, not just their shareholders but also their workers, their consumers, and the environment on which everyone depends.

But Powell and the Chamber saw it differently. Powell urged businesses to mobilize for political combat.

"Business must learn the lesson ... that political power is necessary; that such power must be assiduously cultivated; and that when necessary, it must be used aggressively and with determination — without embarrassment and without the reluctance which has been so characteristic of American business."

He stressed that the critical ingredients for success were organization and funding.

"Strength lies in ... the scale of financing available only through joint effort, and in the political power available only through united action and national organizations."

On Aug. 23, 1971, the Chamber distributed Powell's memo to leading CEOs, large businesses, and trade associations. It had exactly the impact the Chamber sought — galvanizing corporate America into action and releasing a tidal wave of corporate money into American politics. An entire corporate-political industry was born — including tens of thousands of corporate lobbyists, lawyers, political operatives, and public relations flaks. Within a few decades, big corporations would become the largest political force in Washington and most state capitals.

Washington went from being a rather sleepy if not seedy town to the glittering center of corporate America — replete with elegant office buildings, fancy restaurants, pricey bistros, five-star hotels, conference centers, beautiful townhouses, and a booming real estate market that pushed Washington's poor out to the margins of the district and made two of Washington's surrounding counties among the wealthiest in the nation.

I saw it and lived it. In 1976, I began working at the Federal Trade Commission. Jimmy Carter had appointed consumer advocates to some regulatory positions (several of them influenced by Ralph Nader). My boss at the FTC was Michael Pertschuk, an energetic and charismatic chairman. Joan Claybrook chaired the National Highway Traffic Safety Commission. Other Naderites were spread throughout the Carter administration. All were ready to battle big corporations that for years had been deluding or injuring consumers.

Yet almost everything we initiated at the FTC, and just about everything undertaken by these activists elsewhere in the administration, was met by unexpectedly fierce political resistance from Congress. At one point, when the FTC began examining advertising directed at children, Congress stopped funding the FTC altogether, shutting it down for weeks. I was dumbfounded. What had happened?

In three words: the Powell memo.

The number of corporations with public affairs offices in Washington had ballooned from 100 in 1968 to more than 500 by the time I joined the FTC in 1976. In 1971, only 175 firms had registered lobbyists in the nation's capital. By 1982, nearly 2,500 had them. The number of corporate Political Action Committees mushroomed from less than 300 in 1976 to more than 1,200 by 1980. Between 1974 and 1980, the Chamber of Commerce doubled its membership. (And remember, this was still 30 years before the Supreme Court's infamous Citizens United decision.)

It didn't matter whether a Democrat or Republican occupied the White House. Even after George H.W. Bush became president, the corporate-political industry continued to balloon.

By the 1990s, when I was secretary of labor, corporations employed some 61,000 people to lobby for them, including registered lobbyists and lawyers. That came to more than 100 lobbyists for each member of Congress. Corporate money also supported platoons of lawyers who represented corporations and the very rich in court, often outgunning the Justice Department and state attorneys general.

Most important, corporations began inundating politicians with money for their campaigns. Between the late 1970s and the late 1980s, corporate Political Action Committees increased their expenditures on congressional races nearly fivefold.

Labor union PAC spending rose only about half as fast. By the 2106 campaign cycle, corporations and Wall Street contributed $34 for every $1 donated by labor unions and all public interest organizations combined.

Wealthy individuals also accounted for a growing share. In 1980, the richest one-hundredth of 1% of Americans provided 10% of contributions to federal elections. By 2012, they provided 40%.

Although Republicans mostly benefited from a few large donors and Democrats from a much larger number of small donors (more on this to come), both political parties transformed themselves from state and local organizations that channeled the views of members upward into giant fundraising machines that sucked in money from the top.

Never in the history of American politics has one document — the Powell memo — had such nefarious consequences.

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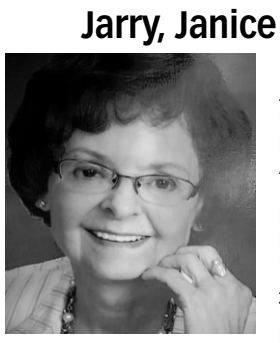
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Jarry, Janice C. (Bonneville)



Janice Claire (Bonneville) Jarry went to be with the Lord peacefully on Wednesday morning August 17, 2022 at Autumn Lake Health Care in New Britain, CT. She was preceded in death by her parents Evelyn and Lionel Sr. Bonneville, her beloved sister Joan Arends and her son Thomas Jarry. Janice will be missed dearly by her children, siblings, close friends and all their families. Her siblings include her brother whom she was so proud of Reverend Lionel Edward Bonneville and her loving sister whom she referred to as her baby sister even when grown, Gloria Dufresne and husband Michael. Janice leaves her surviving children Alisa and Bob Smith of Ellington, CT Anne-Marie and Rick House of South Carolina, her grandchildren Heather Smith and fiancé Michael Anderson of Vernon, CT, Haley Smith and fiancé Daniel Ayala of Vernon, CT, Andrei and Anna House of South Carolina, a great grandson Theodore Ayala of Vernon, CT. Janice was born on June 14, 1936 in Holyoke, MA to Evelyn Janette (Boudreau) and Lionel Edward Bonneville, Sr. She lived in Springfield as a child. She graduated from Springfield's Cathedral High School and then attended Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Hartford, CT. She graduated as a Registered Nurse. She then was a private duty nurse at Saint Francis Hospital until retirement. Janice leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, sister in laws, brother in laws, to numerous to list and their families. Janice will be dearly missed by Anita, Susan and Joan, her lifetime friends who have supported her through her life's journey unconditionally. Relatives and friends may join the family on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 between 9:30am-10:30am at the Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect Street, Rockville, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11am at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon, CT. Burial will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield, MA. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Kalousdian, Victoria



Victoria Kalousdian, 92, of Newington, passed away peacefully on Saturday August 13, 2022. Vicki was born in Hartford on August 24, 1929 daughter of the late Nashan and Aroussiak (Manolian) Kalousdian, who immigrated from Armenia in 1928.
After graduating Bulkeley High School in Hartford, Vicki went to work for the Pentagon and then Foreign Service in Chile, South America. Upon returning to the United States, she started her airline career at American Airlines, then Air France, and eventually retiring from Alitalia. Vicki loved to travel and visited countless countries throughout the world. In her later years, she worked at Neill Walsh Jewelers in Old Wethersfield.
She will be missed dearly but her family takes comfort in knowing that she is now at peace resting in eternal life with those she loves that have gone on before her. Vicki is survived by her sister, Ethel Kalousdian of Naples Florida, her nephew and nieces: Peter Kalousdian, Veronica (Steven) Andrea & Victoria Kalousdian of Wethersfield, and her great nieces and nephew Montana, Grace & Sam Andrea.
Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law Peter & Michele Kalousdian and her second mother Helen Kalousdian.

There are no calling hours and burial will be private.

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Lowney, Robert "Bob"



Robert "Bob" Lowney of Leland, North Carolina, formerly of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away on Saturday August 13, 2022 just before his 89th birthday.

Bob was born on August 25, 1933 to the late Mary Collins Lowney in Hartford, Connecticut. He was the oldest of 4 children. He was predeceased by his wife and Rob's mother, Rita Skehan Lowney and his sister Cindy Lowney.

Bob is survived by his son Rob Lowney and his wife Michelle of West Hartford, three grandchildren, Nathan, Gracie, and Kayla Lowney, and his sisters Maureen Pirrello and Susan Mckenny, as well as many nieces and nephews.

After high school, Bob joined the air force and served in the Korean War. He then began a long and very successful career in optical sales during which he became a licensed optician. During this time Bob established the Connecticut Optical Golf Tournament. After retiring, Bob discovered Magnolia Greens in Leland, North Carolina where he enjoyed living for the last two decades with his partner Beatrice. For Bob, each day living in Magnolia Greens seemed like a relaxing vacation. While in North Carolina, Bob was able to embrace his passion for golf. He also enjoyed taking long walks, studying French, following the stock market, and spending time with many friends. A special thank you to his close friends Bob Harper and John Carter.

His family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 10 – 11 a.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A funeral service will follow in the funeral home beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Wapping Cemetery in South Windsor. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES

Noreen, Geoghegan P



Noreen Patricia Geoghegan of Bloomfield died unexpectedly on August 17th. She was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on March 1 1969. She attended Saint Timothy School and Northwest Catholic in West Hartford, and graduated from the University of Hartford. She loved Green Hill Beach in Rhode Island, which she considered her favorite place on earth. She cherished her Irish Catholic heritage, loved to laugh, and had a razor sharp wit when it came to wordplay. She considered her greatest accomplishment to be her four children.
Noreen was predeceased by her father, Jack Geoghegan; her grandparents Patrick and Anna Cosgrove and John and Alice Geoghegan; her aunt and uncle Tony and April Cosgrove, her aunt Jackie Cosgrove, and her aunt Theresa Cosgrove, RSM. She leaves behind her four children: Johnny, Meghan, Kevin, and Patrick Kroehle; her mother Patricia Geoghegan, her aunt Noreen Cosgrove, her uncle John Cosgrove, and her uncle and aunt Joe and Mary Cosgrove; her siblings: John Geoghegan, Sean Geoghegan and Greta Mittner, Joseph and Jennifer Geoghegan, Patricia and Hugh Devlin, Michael Geoghegan, and Mary Geoghegan and her partner, Karl Bolkovac. She will be missed by her nieces and nephews: Willa and Maeve Geoghegan; Dov, Talia, and Noam Geoghegan; Margaret, Katherine, and Elizabeth Devlin; Roxiana Geoghegan; and Joseph and Jacob Bolkovac.
Calling hours will be from 2-5pm on Sunday, August 21 at Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen funeral home, 1084 New Britain Ave, West Hartford. A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Monday, August 22 at 10am at the Church of Saint Timothy in West Hartford, with burial to follow at Mount Saint Benedict cemetery in Bloomfield.
May the angels bring you into paradise, Noreen. We love you.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Birthright of Greater Hartford, 914 Main Street, Suite 216, East Hartford CT 06108.

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Patneaude, Mary J. (Mangiafico)

Mary J. (Mangiafico) Patneaude, 93, of Wethersfield, beloved wife for 26 years of the late Francis N. "Two-Gun" Patneaude, passed away on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Born in New Britain on May 29, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Maria (Ciarcia) Mangiafico. Mary attended St. Mary's Elementary School and was a graduate of New Britain High School. She worked for many years at various positions including office secretary and teletype operator before becoming a full-time homemaker. A devout Catholic, she was a longtime, faithful communicant of the Church of the Incarnation, Wethersfield and a member of the Incarnation Women's Club and the Women's Auxiliary of Saint Francis.
Mary is survived by her son, Guy Francis Vincent Patneaude of Wethersfield, with whom she made her home, her brother, Joseph Mangiafico and wife Jeanne of York, ME, and many cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members. She was predeceased by four siblings: Conrad Mangiafico, Samuel Mangiafico, Pauline Buchiere, and Anne Sudano.
Funeral services will begin Monday, August 22 at 9 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. The family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral chapel. To share a memory of Mary with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Russell, Robert C.



Robert C. Russell Sr., 90, of Andover, has passed away peacefully at his home on the evening of August 15, 2022. He was born July 3, 1932 in Hartford Connecticut. Son of Charles W. and Katherine D. Russell, he lived in Andover the past 62 years. He was a graduate of the Class of 1950 from East Hartford High School then enlisted in United States Army 1950-52 during the Korean War where he served in Germany. After returning from war he married his high school sweetheart Lois Pollard and together they were the former owners of Russell Feed Co., Century Fur Co, SDR Enterprises, L & R Realty, and Scott's Tree Farm of Andover, Connecticut. He was predeceased by his first wife Lois, his two sons, Scott T. Russell, Robert C. Russell Jr, and his second wife Evelyn. He is survived by his Dog Dixie-Rose, a daughter, Donna R. Russell, granddaughters Heather Russell, Shannon Russell Hoadley and her husband John Hoadley; a grandson, Christopher Robert Russell, great grandson Jarod Hoadley, great granddaughters Miniya Russell, Sophia Russell, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends throughout the Town of Andover. He had many activities including; in the Town of Andover, he served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Assessment and Appeals, the Republican Town Committee, and the Justice of the Peace. He was a member of First Congregational Church of Andover and served on the Board of Trustees, Board of Finance and the Cemetery Beautification Committee. With regard to the Senior activities, he was a member of the Young at Heart, helped organizing the Andover Farmers Market Committee and was instrumental in starting Senior Luncheons. He was a member of Columbia Senior Beckish Center Friday night Card Games and he also served on the East Hartford High School Class of 1950 Reunion Committee. Calling hours will be held Friday, August 26 from 4-7 pm, at the Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. (Route 195), Willimantic, Connecticut. Funeral services will be Saturday August 27, 10 am, at the First Congregational Church of Andover, on Route 6. Burial with Military Salute will follow in the Townsend Cemetery, Andover, Connecticut. Following that there will be a reception at the First Congregational Church in Andover. Perennial potted plants or cut flowers may be received by Potters Funeral Home in non glass containers. Perennial potted plants will be replanted to be enjoyed every year as a memorial to Bob. Donations can be made to Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs 287 West Street, Rocky Hill Connecticut 06067 Attn: T. Marzik Community Outreach Program or Andover Congregational Church, Post Office Box 55, Andover, Connecticut 06232 Attn: Rev. Rose Nilson, Financial. For a memorial guestbook please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

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Ruskys, Jonas



Jonas Ruskys, 96, of Newington, loving husband of Bruna (Budiez), passed away on Wednesday, August 17th 2022 at his home. Born in Lithuania, he was the son of Jonas and Petranele Ruskys. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army Guard Corps before immigrating to the United States and settled in Newington where he raised his family. He was a faithful Catholic and longtime member of St Andrew's Church in New Britain. Jonas was a hardworking man who endured many hardships and overcame many obstacles to give his family a better life here in America. He spent his working years as a machinist, retiring from Combustion Engineering. Jonas was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him. In addition to his beloved wife Bruna, he leaves his three sons; John Ruskys of Newington, Edward Ruskys and his fiancé Monica Glass of Arizona and Tom Ruskys and his wife Diane of Newington. He also leaves his grandchildren; Victoria, Kazimier, Julia and James; and his niece Sylvia Widmer and her husband Edwin of New Mexico. He was predeceased by his sisters; Petra, Regina and Janina. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Monday, August 22nd from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave. in Newington. A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Newington. He will be laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery. To share a memory with his family, please visit www.duksa.net.

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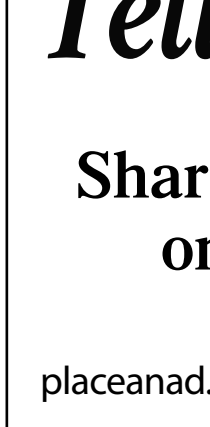
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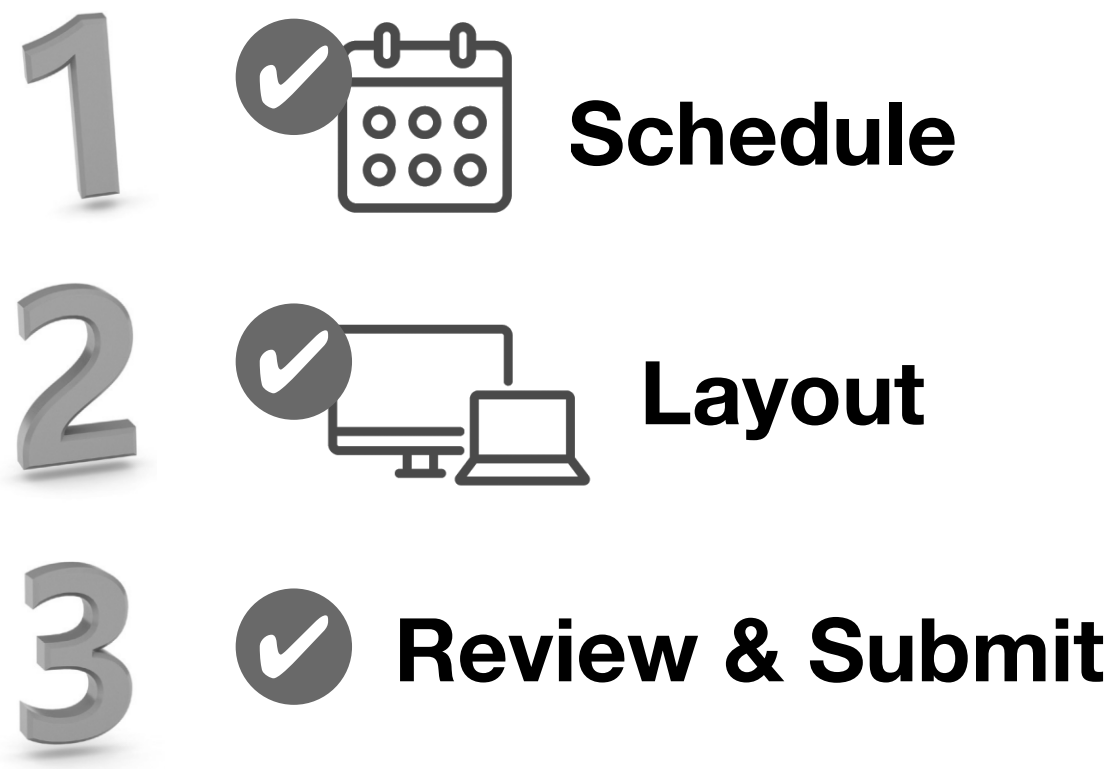
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YANKEES

Stanton to start rehab stint, could be back next week

By Jerry Beach
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton is expected to begin a rehab assignment Saturday and could rejoin the AL East leaders in the middle of next week as their designated hitter.

Stanton, who hasn't played since July 23 due to left Achilles tendinitis, worked out again at Yankee Stadium prior to Friday night's game against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Manager Aaron Boone said Stanton was then slated to head to Bowie, Maryland, to serve as the DH in rehab games for Double-A Somerset on Saturday and Sunday.

"First things first, want to get him in that DH spot and just get him back in," Boone said.

Stuck in an offensive slump, the Yankees had lost 13 of 17 going into the weekend.

Stanton will return to Yankee Stadium on Tuesday to oppose Luis Severino (right lat strain) in a live batting practice session. Boone said Stanton could be activated immediately thereafter and eased back into action as the DH.

The Yankees followed a similar plan with Stanton last year, when he missed two weeks in May with a left quad strain. Stanton played exclusively as the designated hitter in his first 45 starts following his activation before starting in left or right field 26 times in the final 58 games of the regular season.

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RED SOX

To make playoffs Sox can't afford any lackluster losses



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Josh Winckowski (73) crouches down as the Pittsburgh Pirates' Ben Gamel (18) passes by first base coach Tarrik Brock (16) during a two RBI double in the second inning on Thursday in Pittsburgh. **PHILIP G. PAVELY/AP**

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

PITTSBURGH — Like any other team, the Red Sox have suffered some lopsided losses during Alex Cora's tenure as manager. But rarely have there been days when it looked like they just weren't interested.

That made Thursday night's 8-2 loss against the Pittsburgh Pirates a conspicuous outlier, especially with what's at stake.

A team trying to stay on the periphery of the playoff race didn't show up. They fell behind, 2-0, in the first inning then played like zombies the rest of the night.

"It's going to happen, right? But we're better than this," Cora said.

Are they? The Sox are 59-60 and in last place in the Ameri-

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GIANTS

Deluge of injuries has Daboll rethinking who plays

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Giants are so banged up they are "revisiting" plans to play starters such as Daniel Jones and Saquon Barkley in Sunday night's preseason home game against the Cincinnati Bengals.

"We're revisiting it based on some of the stuff that happened yesterday [in practice]," coach Brian Daboll said of the starters' plan, with at least 18 active roster players sidelined by injury.

"We would like to play as many guys as we can, but I think we have to sit down as a staff and revisit it. I mean, we're on like our sixth center."

That's right: their sixth center.

Eighth-year veteran Max Garcia, a third-team guard at the start of training camp, will be the Giants' first-string center for this game. And Devery Henderson, the team's backup left tackle, will start at left guard.

That's because starting center Jon Feliciano, backup Jamil Douglas, starting left guard/ emergency center Shane Lemieux, guard/center Ben Bredeson, rookie guard Josh Ezeudu and break-glass backup guard/center Garrett McGhinn are all hurt.

In fact, the Giants held a 7 a.m. Friday workout and signed two linemen to reinforce their depth for the game. They re-signed guard Josh Rivas, an undrafted rookie they'd recently cut, and added Chris Owens, an undrafted rookie from Alabama released recently by the Steelers.

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The Sun's Alyssa Thomas reacts to a technical foul called against her during Game 1 of the WNBA playoffs against the Dallas Wings on Thursday at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

WNBA SUN

'Playoff AT' is back

Why Alyssa Thomas is key to first-round series, potential title run

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

With under five minutes left in the third quarter, Alyssa Thomas drove inside from the top of the arc, used a spin move to get a quick step on her defender and sunk a layup while falling to the ground.

Thomas finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists in the third-seeded Sun's 93-68 win over the sixth-seeded Dallas Wings in Game 1 of a first-round WNBA playoff series Thursday night at Mohegan Sun Arena. She was on track to notch her third triple-double of the season, but with the game already far out of reach she sat on the bench for the last five minutes.

"I've never been around someone that's as consistent with her effort, her passion to play," Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller said of Thomas. "She's elite basketball smart. She sees things before they happen, she really understands the game. So that combination of effort, basketball IQ makes her really special. Then it's the versatility.

"... There's no one in this league [who] plays harder. There's no one, no one, zero, there's no one in this league that's more versatile defensively, that can guard more positions than her."

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Glastonbury man to be part of coast-to-coast bike ride

Sill, motivated by loss of his grandfather, joins fundraiser event that will benefit cancer research

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

GLASTONBURY — Bruce Sill still remembers what his grandfather went through while battling lung cancer, even though Sill was in college at the time, in the late 80s.

"He was a big influence on me, someone who was a great role model," Sill said. "He was a product of his time; he was a smoker and developed lung cancer. It was really hard to watch him go through the disease process, what it did to his body and what the treatment did to him as well."

Last fall, Sill's younger brother was diagnosed with cancer. Sill has seen what cancer has done to colleagues and friends.

So when he heard about the Coast 2 Coast 4 Cancer fundraising bike ride sponsored by his company, Bristol Myers Squibb, he decided that he would do it, even though he was a casual cyclist.

On Sept. 19-21, Sill, 53, of Glastonbury will ride between 225-250 miles, about 80 miles a day, between Denver, Colo. and Topeka, Kansas as part of the cross country trek.

The ride, which benefits the V Foundation for Cancer Research, will start Sept. 7 at Cannon Beach in Oregon and end Oct. 3 in Long Branch, N.J. There will be 126 Bristol Myers Squibb employees participating; Sill will ride his segments with a team of six others.

Sill is a pharmacist who leads a team of researchers at the company. He wrestled and played football at Derby High School, but he hasn't been on a bike this much since his childhood.

Since he started training for the ride in April, he's logged over 1,000 miles.

The loss of his grandfather Frank Tereskiewicz, who is memorialized on the back of Sill's bike

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Bruce Sill, of Glastonbury, will be riding his bike from 225 to 250 miles in three days as part of the Coast 2 Coast 4 Cancer ride from Oregon to New Jersey to raise money for the V Foundation. **LORI RILEY/HARTFORD COURANT**

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Patriots: Preseason: at Raiders, Friday, 8:15 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: Bengals, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: Falcons, Monday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: at Orioles, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Orioles, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Blue Jays, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Blue Jays, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Mets, Monday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Phillies (2), Saturday, 1 & 7 p.m.; at Phillies, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at Yankees, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: New Hampshire, Saturday, 6 p.m.; New Hampshire, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Portland, Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Sun: WNBA First Round vs. Dallas (Game 2), Sunday, noon; WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD
Hartford Athletic: Miami, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; at New York, August 31, 7 p.m.

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AUTO RACING
3 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series NASCAR Xfinity Series Race at Watkins Glen. (Live) USA
6:30 p.m.: IndyCar Racing Bommarito Automotive Group 500. (Live) USA
BASEBALL
1 p.m.: 2022 Little League Baseball World Series Game 13: Teams TBA. (Live) ABC
1 p.m.: Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
1 p.m.: New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880.
2 p.m.: Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs. (Live) FS1
3 p.m.: 2022 Little League Baseball World Series Game 14: Teams TBA. (Live) ABC
4 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
7 p.m.: New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live), FOX. Radio: 880.
7 p.m.: 2022 Little League Baseball World Series Game 16: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: Syracuse Mets at Charlotte Knights. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: WNBA Chicago Sky at New York Liberty. (Live) ESPN
9 p.m.: WNBA Las Vegas Aces at Phoenix Mercury. (Live) ESPN2
BOXING
8 p.m.: Omar Figueroa Jr. vs. Sergey Lipinets. (Live) SHO
10 p.m.: Top Rank: Navarrete vs. Baez. (Live) ESPN
FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: Denver Broncos at Buffalo Bills. (Live) NFL
4 p.m.: Washington Commanders at Kansas City Chiefs. (Live) NFL
7 p.m.: Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Tennessee Titans. (Live) NFL
10 p.m.: Dallas Cowboys at Los Angeles Chargers. (Live) NFL
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12 p.m.: BMW Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: BMW Championship, Third Round. (Live) NBC
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GYMNASTICS
7 p.m.: U.S. Championships, Senior Men's. (Live) CNBC
LACROSSE
2 p.m.: 2022 World Lacrosse Men's U21 Championship (Live) ESPNU
SOCCER
7:30 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Tottenham Hotspur vs Wolverhampton Wanderers. (Live) USA
9:20 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer Borussia Dortmund vs Werder Bremen. (Live) ESPN
10 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Leicester City vs Southampton. (Live) USA
12:30 p.m.: Premier League Soccer AFC Bournemouth vs Arsenal. (Live) NBC
8 p.m.: Mexico Primera Division Soccer Monterrey vs Tigres UANL. (Live) FS1
9:55 p.m.: 2022 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) FS1
11 p.m.: Women's International Champions Cup Soccer Final: Portland Thorns FC vs Olympique Lyonnais Women. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
11 a.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Cincinnati - Semifinals. (Live) TENNIS
6 p.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Cincinnati-ATP/WTA, ATP Semifinal 2, WTA Doubles Final. (Live) TENNIS

METS

Plenty on the line vs. Phillies

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — Nobody said it was easy.

The Mets are enjoying their best regular season since 2006 and are on pace to win 100 games for just the fourth time in franchise history. But they enter the weekend with a slim 3.5 lead over the Braves in the National League East, leaving no guarantee that their blistering pace will lead to a division crown or first-round bye in the re-formatted playoffs.

They now have four games with the Phillies in roughly 48 hours. Friday's night game precedes a doubleheader on Saturday before a day game on Sunday, and their manager was asked for his thoughts on it all.

"It's all a challenge," Buck Showalter said. "I think pitching as much as anything. I think the key is not getting ahead of yourself and letting the game dictate what goes on."

As much as the "One game at a time" and "Control what you can control" clichés get mindlessly recited ad nauseum, everyone in the organization knows how tight things are getting. Philadelphia is ten games out of first place coming into the weekend, but a strong performance both takes the Mets down a peg and puts the Phillies right back in it.

"You try not to talk about it, just embrace it," Showalter said of the division race. "It's a chance to separate yourself in challenging times."

To help them out in Philly, the Mets have brought along some pitchers on the taxi squad. David Peterson is one, and he will start one of the games in Saturday's doubleheader. The other three — Jose Butto, Nate Fisher and Rob Zastryzny — are extra insurance due to the rash of injuries that have hit the pitching staff. If Taijuan Walker (back spasms) is unable to go on Sunday, the 24-year-old Butto is a likely fill-in.

Showalter provided a quick update on Walker and Tylor Megill, whose biceps tendonitis have kept him out of action since June 16.

"All those guys are progressing well," Showalter said. "We haven't finished our evaluation on Tai yet today. I know he felt a lot better [on Thursday]. We'll see how the progress is. He's not really there yet."

By the time Megill gets back, it behooves both him and the team to use him as a reliever. The Mets will be nearing the postseason by then, and Megill's starter



New York Mets manager Buck Showalter watches from the dugout during a game against the Miami Marlins on July 31 in Miami. WILFREDO LEE/AP

pedigree and blazing fastball would certainly play up out of the bullpen. Of course, if Carlos Carrasco's oblique becomes a longer issue than the team anticipated, Megill could also slide back into the rotation. Having a pitcher of his caliber (whenever he's healthy) waiting in the wings is a good problem to have, just like being asked if any of the star players who've gotten the Mets this far are going to get some rest during this jam-packed weekend.

Ruf streets of Philly: Darin Ruf, who was drafted by the Phillies in 2009 and played parts of five seasons there to begin his career, is back in the City of Brotherly Love. Showalter said that he thought he discovered a statistical gem before realizing that his newly acquired DH has been around these blocks before.

"I do a thing where I look at how people do in different ballparks," Showalter began. "Without thinking, I glanced through and saw that Ruf had 25 home runs. I had to remind myself that he played here before."



Giancarlo Stanton of the Yankees reacts after a strike call against the Pirates at PNC Park on July 6 in Pittsburgh. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY

Yankees

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"We'll kind of — like we did last year, where we built on the run — (add) the outfield reps and hopefully make that a part at some point, but not immediately," Boone said.

Stanton is hitting .228 with 24 homers and 61 RBIs this season. He has almost evenly split his time between the outfield and designated hitter, making 38 starts between left field and right field and 37 starts as the DH.

Excited rookie: Oswaldo Cabrera is embracing all of it. He made a special salute when the crowd chanted his name during roll call Wednesday night and Thursday when he got his first major league hit, a double, the 23-year old mimed ripping the pin out of a grenade and lobbing it. Cabrera, who also had a single on Thursday night, was about the only bright spot in the Yankees 9-2 loss to the Blue Jays at the Stadium on Thursday night.

"It was amazing," Cabrera said of his fourth-inning double to right-center field. "I can't describe how that feels. At that moment I was just in the sky, I was in the sky at that moment."

His parents were in the stands celebrating their son's first big league hit, and they will be getting the ball as a memento of his accomplishment.

"I got the ball. Yeah, I got the ball right there, and it's gonna be for my father," Cabrera said. "He is the person who made this happen for me and my mom, and that ball has to be for him."

Cabrera said his dad, Leobardo Cabrera, was a professional volleyball player back in their native Venezuela and he not only prepared him and his brother, who plays in the Twins organization, to be professional athletes, but sacrificed to get them here.

"He helped me in everything. I have the type of father who doesn't buy something for himself, he bought everything for us," Cabrera said. "Like he's not eating that night. But he makes sure that we get food. That's the type of guy who he is for his children."

Cabrera also tried to get the Yankees lifeless offense going with a lead-off single in the seventh, but he was stranded at second when Aaron Judge struck out to end the inning.

A report by Kristie Ackert of the New York Daily News is included in this story.

Sox

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can League East. They're seventh in the race for three wild card playoff spots.

They should be better, yes. But after 119 games, nearly 75 percent of the season, this is who they are until they prove otherwise.

Starting with Baltimore on Friday night at Camden Yards, the next 12 games are against teams the Sox trail in the wild card race. They need to win eight of those games, not six.

"Now you've got to win series," Cora said.

It's unreasonable to expect a sweep on the road, even against a bad team like the Pirates. But Pittsburgh was 45-72 and had lost seven in a row. They're preparing for next season.

Their starter, JT Brubaker, had lost 23 games since the start of last season, the fourth-most in the majors. The job was to complete a three-game sweep, gain some ground and move on to Baltimore having won six of seven.

But Brubaker threw seven shutout innings, allowing two hits and striking out seven without a walk.

Boston finished with five hits, all singles, and struck out 10 times.

"We didn't make adjustments; we didn't put pressure on him," Cora said. "From pitch one he was on the attack and we kept swinging. We expanded the [strike] zone on him."

The Red Sox were unable to advance a runner to second base until the seventh inning and that was because of an error. By then they were down, 8-0.

They are fourth in the American League in runs per game and first in doubles. When they're successful, it's by building rallies and running the bases aggressively.

When they're not, they don't have the power to deliver a big punch and get back in the game quickly.

Rafael Devers leads the Sox with 25 homers. Trevor Story, who hasn't played since July 12, is second with 15. Bobby Dalbec, now a bench player, is third with 11.

Xander Bogaerts and J.D. Martinez have hit nine each. That's why the Sox are 3-44 when they trail after six innings. They won 12 such games last season.

"We have to find ways to score runs," Cora said.

Rookie Josh Winckowski, who has filled a rotation spot competently since late May, allowed six runs over five innings.

Bryan Reynolds, Pittsburgh's best hitter, belted a two-run homer in the first inning, hammering a cutter that floated to the top of the strike zone.

Reynolds did the same against Rich Hill on Wednesday. Hill then retired 12 in a row and the Sox quickly got back in the game.

This time Winckowski allowed a two-run opposite-field double by Ben Gamel in the third inning and another two-run shot by Reynolds in the fifth. That was on a sinker that stayed over the plate like it was on a tee.

Winckowski has allowed 17 earned runs on 31 hits [six of them home runs] over 23⅔ innings in his last five starts. He has hit a wall.

Winckowski didn't make any excuses.

"The team overall is headed in a great direction. I think that makes tonight all the more frustrating for me," he said. "We've been on a good roll and I feel like I kind of knocked us off the rails a little bit with my own performance."

The Sox were on a decent roll at least. Thursday was a step back. They can't afford too many more.

BASEBALL LATE THURSDAY

Springer, Guerrero lead Jays to 9-2 rout of slumping Yankees

Staff and wire reports

George Springer went 5-for-5, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run second inning off Frankie Montas, and the visiting Toronto Blue Jays routed the slumping New York Yankees 9-2 on Thursday night.

José Berríos (9-5) bounced back from a pair of rough outings to pitch 6⅔ effective innings. The right-hander allowed two runs on six hits, struck out nine and walked one.

Playing designated hitter for the sixth straight game, leadoff batter Springer had a double and four singles, including an RBI knock ahead of Guerrero's homer. It was the fourth five-hit game of his career.

Coming off Josh Donaldson's walk-off grand slam that gave the Yankees an 8-7 win over Tampa Bay on Wednesday night, New York lost for the 13th time in 17 games.

Pirates 8, Red Sox 2: At Pittsburgh, Bryan Reynolds hit two home runs, JT Brubaker pitched seven shutout innings and the Pirates snapped a six-game losing streak.

The Pirates avoided a three-game sweep and sent Boston back to one game under .500 at 59-60. The Red Sox had won five of six to move closer to Toronto for the third and final AL wild-card spot.

Reynolds hit a pair of two-run homers. He connected in the first, and his drive in the fifth was the 3,000th home run at PNC Park since it opened in 2001.

Braves 3, Mets 2: At Atlanta, Max Fried outpitched Jacob deGrom, ever so slightly, in a matchup of aces and rookie Michael Harris II bounced a go-ahead double in the seventh inning.

Braves rookie Vaughn Grissom hustled all the way from first base to score on Harris' grounder to shallow center field. In the ninth, Mets star Francisco Lindor was caught in no-man's-land on the bases and thrown out.

The Braves won three of four in the series and moved within 3½ games of the NL East-leading Mets. Atlanta has won nine of 10.

Eastern League

Yard Goats 7, Fisher Cats 4: At Hartford, Daniel Montano broke open a 2-2 tie with a two-out RBI single in the fifth to lead the Yard Goats to the Northeast Division win at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Mike Ruff (1-2) pitched five innings, allowing two runs on six hits for the win. Hartford is now 64-46.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	68	42	.618	—
Hartford	64	46	.582	4
Portland	55	56	.495	13.5
Reading	50	61	.450	18.5
New Hampshire	49	62	.441	19.5
Binghamton	42	68	.382	26
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Erie	68	43	.613	—
Akron	62	49	.559	6
Altoona	55	56	.495	13
Bowie	54	57	.486	14
Richmond	53	57	.482	14.5
Harrisburg	44	67	.396	24

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS
Hartford 7, New Hampshire 4
Altoona 8, Harrisburg 5
Binghamton 7, Richmond 4
Bowie 10, Somerset 2
Portland 3, Reading 1
Erie 4-1, Akron 1-0
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
New Hampshire at Hartford, late
Harrisburg at Altoona, late
Akron at Erie, late
Binghamton at Richmond, late
Portland at Reading, late
Somerset at Bowie, late
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
New Hampshire at Hartford, 6p.m.
Harrisburg at Altoona, 6p.m.
Binghamton at Richmond, 6p.m.
Akron at Erie, 6p.m.
Somerset at Bowie, 6:30p.m.
Portland at Reading, 6:45p.m.

THURSDAY'S LATE YARD GOATS BOX
YARD GOATS 7, FISHER CATS 4

New Hampshire	AB	R	H	BI
Schneider, dh	4	0	1	0
De Los Santos, 2b	5	1	3	1
Barger, ss	4	1	1	2
Aiello, 3b	5	1	2	0
Schwecke, 1b	4	0	2	0
Gold, c	3	0	0	1
Robertson, lf	3	0	1	0
Espino, rf	4	0	0	0
Cook, cf	3	1	0	0
Totals	35	4	10	4
Hartford	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**
Datres, 3b	3	1	2	0
Veen, rf	3	1	0	1
Montano, lf	4	0	1	1
Schunk, 2b	3	0	0	0
Lavigne, 1b	3	1	1	1
Doyle, cf	3	2	1	0
Cope, c	3	0	1	0
Hill, dh	1	1	0	2
Stovall, ss	3	1	0	1
Totals	26	7	6	6

New Hampshire 000-110-**002**—4-10-2
Hartford 000-132-**01x**—7-6-0
E: De Los Santos, Gold. **DP:** Hartford 1. **LOB:** New Hampshire 10, Hartford 5. **HR:** Barger. **2B:** Robertson, Aiello; Lavigne. **SF:** Gold; Hill 2, Lavigne, Stovall. **SB:** Cook 2; Datres 2, Veen, Hill, Stovall, Doyle.

New Hampshire	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mellen	3.2	1	1	1	2	7	3.42
Ponce (L, 1-4)	0.2	0	3	2	3	0	3.49
Scott	3.2	5	3	3	1	1	5.88
Hartford	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Ruff (W, 1-2)	5	6	2	2	2	3	5.29
Kitchen	2	1	0	0	1	1	4.15
Hollowell	1	1	0	0	1	2	3.24
Jones	1	2	2	2	1	0	2.83

Umpires: Valero, Snover, Johnson.

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY'S LATE CT SUN BOX SCORE
SUN 93, WINGS 68

Dallas	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Gray	35	7-11	2-6	5	2	2	17
Thornton	20	0-2	1-1	3	0	3	1
McCowan	28	2-6	3-6	5	0	2	7
Mabrey	30	5-13	0-0	4	1	5	11
Burton	23	1-4	0-0	2	3	0	2
Harris	27	5-11	2-2	5	3	0	13
Sabally	15	3-8	2-3	2	2	2	10
Harrison	12	3-5	1-1	0	0	1	7
Kuier	8	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Dickey	2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	—	26-63	11-19	28	11	15	68

Three-point **goals:** 5-20, 25.0(Sabally 2-5, Mabrey 1-3, Gray 1-4, Harris 1-4, Thornton 0-1, Kuier 0-1, Burton 0-2). FG pct.: 41.3. FT pct.: 57.9. **Turnovers:** 15 (McCowan 3, Mabrey 3, Harris 3, Burton 2, Gray, Thornton, Sabally, Harrison). **Blocks:** 4(McCowan 2, Harris, Kuier). **Steals:** 5(Gray 2, Mabrey, Burton, Harris).

Connecticut	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Bonner	22	4-10	2-2	2	1	0	12
A. Thomas	31	7-11	1-2	10	7	1	15
J. Jones	25	5-10	7-8	8	3	2	19
Williams	24	5-12	0-0	2	6	0	10
Hiedeman	29	3-6	1-2	4	2	1	8
Sims	21	3-6	0-0	0	1	3	6
B. Jones	21	3-5	2-2	3	2	4	8
Carrington	18	6-10	1-1	6	0	2	13
Clouden	7	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Holmes	3	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0
TOTALS	—	37-71	14-17	35	25	13	93

Three-point **goals:** 5-14, 35.7(Bonner 2-4, J. Jones 2-4, Hiedeman 1-2, Sims 0-1, Carrington 0-1, Williams 0-2). FG pct.: 52.1. FT pct.: 82.4. **Turnovers:** 9 (A. Thomas 2, Sims 2, Bonner, J. Jones, Williams, Hiedeman, Clouden). **Blocks:** 3 (Bonner, A. Thomas, J. Jones). **Steals:** 10 (Bonner 2, Hiedeman 2, Carrington 2, A. Thomas, Williams, B. Jones, Clouden).

Dallas	**19**	**18**	**13**	**18**	**— 68**
Connecticut	**22**	**25**	**21**	**25**	**— 93**

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	13	4	9	48	45	20
CF Montréal	13	8	4	43	43	41
New York City FC	12	7	6	42	46	30
N.Y. Red Bulls	11	8	7	40	40	32
Columbus	8	6	10	34	32	27
New England	8	7	10	34	38	36
Orlando City	9	10	6	33	28	36
Inter Miami CF	9	10	6	33	32	41
Cincinnati	8	8	9	33	42	45
Charlotte FC	10	14	2	32	33	40
Toronto FC	8	12	6	30	39	45
Chicago	8	11	6	30	28	34
Atlanta	7	10	8	29	34	38
D.C. United	6	15	4	22	28	49
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	18	4	3	57	54	24
Austin FC	14	5	6	48	54	34
FC Dallas	11	7	9	42	39	28
Minnesota United	11	9	5	38	40	35
Real Salt Lake	10	8	7	37	33	34
LA Galaxy	10	11	3	33	37	34
Vancouver	9	11	6	33	31	45
Nashville	8	9	9	33	34	36
Portland	7	7	12	33	42	40
Seattle	10	13	2	32	32	31
Colorado	8	10	7	31	36	39
Houston	7	14	4	25	31	42
San Jose	5	11	9	24	40	53
Sporting KC	6	15	5	23	26	48

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Seattle at LA Galaxy, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Houston at Colorado, 9p.m.
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Columbus, 5:30p.m.
New York City FC at Chicago, 6p.m.
Orlando City at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Portland at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Nashville, 8:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26
Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27
Houston at Minnesota, 3:30p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.
Toronto FC at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Chicago, 8p.m.
San Jose at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28
D.C. United at Atlanta, 4p.m.
New York City FC at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at New England, 8p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15
Houston	8	4	4	28	28	18
Kansas City	7	4	4	25	20	20
San Diego	7	5	4	25	21	14
OL Reign	6	4	6	24	20	15
Chicago	6	4	5	23	22	18
Angel City	6	5	3	21	15	16
Orlando	4	5	6	18	17	30
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22
Gotham FC	4	10	0	12	11	30
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21
North Carolina	2	6	4	10	23	26

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Angel City at Kansas City, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Gotham FC, 7p.m.
Chicago at North Carolina, 7p.m.
Houston at San Diego, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Portland at North Carolina, 7p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26
OL Reign at Orlando, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27
Chicago at Louisville, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:30p.m.
San Diego at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28
Angel City at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
North Carolina at Kansas City, 7p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Tottenham	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Chelsea	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Brighton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Notting. Forest	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Crystal Palace	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Southampton	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Everton	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
West Ham	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Man United	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Tottenham vs. Wolverhampton, 7:30 a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m.
Everton vs. Notting. Forest, 10a.m.
Fulham vs. Brentford, 10a.m.
Leicester vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Arsenal, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leeds vs. Chelsea, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
Newcastle vs. Man City, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Man United vs. Liverpool, 3p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27
Southampton vs. Man United, 7:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Everton, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Leeds, 10a.m.
Chelsea vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Liverpool vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
Arsenal vs. Fulham, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28
Aston Villa vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Newcastle, 9a.m.
Notting. Forest vs. Tottenham, 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 30
Brentford vs. Crystal Palace, 2:30p.m.
Brighton vs. Fulham, 2:30p.m.
Chelsea vs. Southampton, 2:45p.m.
Everton vs. Leicester City, 3p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31
Wolverhampton vs. Bournemouth,
Aston Villa vs. Arsenal, 2:30p.m.
Nottingham Forest vs. Man City, 2:30 p.m.
Tottenham vs. West Ham, 2:45p.m.
Newcastle vs. Liverpool, 3p.m.

ODDS

MLB **SATURDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
at Phila. (G1)	off	NY Mets	off
Milwaukee	-146	at Chi. Cubs	+124
Cincinnati	-112	at Pittsburgh	-104
at Phila. (G2)	off	NY Mets	off
St. Louis	-138	at Arizona	+118
San Francisco	-170	at Colorado	+144
at San Diego	-335	Washington	+270
at LA Dodgers	off	Miami	off
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at NY Yankees	-192	Toronto	+161
LA Angels	-148	at Detroit	+126
Boston	-120	at Baltimore	+102
at Tampa Bay	-225	Kansas City	+188
at Cleveland	-154	Chi. Wh. Sox	+130
at Minnesota	-138	Texas	+118
Seattle	-136	at Oakland	+116
INTERLEAGUE			
at Atlanta	-146	Houston	+124

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NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
New England	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	24	51
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	24	13
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	32	25
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	23	36
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	53	31
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	14	19
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	22	29

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	21	23
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	13	17
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	24	26
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	46	25
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	20	26
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	21	28
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	36	23
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	29	22
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	36	59

WEEK 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina at New England, late
New Orleans at Green Bay, late
Houston at L.A. Rams, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Denver at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Washington at Kansas City, 4p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 7p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 7p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7p.m.
Las Vegas at Miami, 7p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 10p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 7p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 8p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 22
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 8p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Chicago 27, Seattle 11

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-3; x-if necessary)
#1 Las Vegas 1, #8 Phoenix 0
Aug. 17: at Las Vegas 79-63.
Saturday: at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Tuesday: at Phoenix, TBD

#7 New York 1, #2 Chicago 0
Aug. 17: New York 98-91.
Saturday: at Chicago, Noon
x-Tuesday: at New York, TBD

#3 Connecticut 1, #6 Dallas 0
Aug. 18: Connecticut 93-68.
Sunday: at Connecticut, Noon
x-Wednesday: at Dallas, TBD

#4 Seattle 1, #5 Washington 0
Aug. 18: Seattle 86-83.
Sunday: at Seattle, 4 p.m.
x-Wednesday: at Washington, TBD

SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-5)
Las Vegas/Phoenix winner vs. Seattle/Washington winner
Chicago/New York winner vs. Connecticut/Dallas winner

WNBA FINALS

Semifinal winners (best-of-5), TBD

TENNIS

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN

Friday at Lindner Family Tennis Center, Cincinnati, outdoors, hard
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1Daniil Medvedev d. #11Taylor Fritz, 7-6(1), 6-3.
#9 Cameron Norrie vs. #3 Carlos Alcaraz, late
#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. John Isner, 7-6(5), 5-7, 6-3.
#7 Felix Auger-Aliassime vs. Borna Coric, late
LATE THURSDAY, ROUND OF 16
#9 Cameron Norrie d. Ben Shelton, 6-0, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#6 Aryna Sabalenka d. Zheng Shuai, 6-4, 7-6(1).
#7 Jessica Pegula vs. Caroline Garcia, late
Madison Keys d. Elena Rybakina, 6-2, 6-4.
Petra Kvitova d. Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-2, 6-3.
LATE THURSDAY, ROUND OF 16
#6 Aryna Sabalenka d. Shelby Rogers, 6-4, 6-7(2), 6-4.
#7 Jessica Pegula d. #10 Emma Raducanu, 7-5, 6-4.
Elena Rybakina d. Alison Riske-Amritraj, 6-2, 6-4.

WTA ODLUM BROWN

Friday at Hollyburn Country Club, Vancouver, outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1 Madison Brengle vs. Emma Navarro, late
#2 Lucia Bronzetti d. Victoria Kasintseva, 7-5, 6-1.
#5 Rebecca Peterson d. Maddison Inglis, 6-1, 7-6(5).
Valentini Grammatikopoulou, d. Chloe Paquet, 6-3, 6-4.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES

Williamsport, Pa., double elimination
U.S.: GREAT LAKES REGION, Hagerstown, Ind.; METRO REGION, Massapequa, N.Y.; MID-ATLANTIC REGION, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; MIDWEST REGION, Davenport, Iowa; MOUNTAIN REGION, Santa Clara, Utah; NEW ENGLAND REGION, Middleboro, Mass.; NORTHWEST REGION, Bonney Lake, Wash.; SOUTHEAST REGION, Nolensville, Tenn.; SOUTHWEST REGION, Pearland, Texas; WEST REGION, Honolulu, Hawaii
INTERNATIONAL: ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, Taipei City, Chinese Taipei; AUSTRALIA REGION, Brisbane, Australia; CANADA REGION, Vancouver, British Columbia; CARIBBEAN REGION, Willemstad, Curacao; EUROPE-AFRICA REGION, Bologna, Italy; JAPAN REGION, Takarazuka, Japan; LATIN AMERICA REGION, Managua, Nicaragua; MEXICO REGION, Matamoros, Mexico; PANAMA REGION, Aguadulce, Panama; PUERTO RICO REGION, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
G9: Aguadulce 9, Willemstad 3
G10: Nolensville 11, Santa Clara 2
G11: Vancouver 6, Takarazuka 0
G12: Honolulu vs. Massapequa, late

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
G5: Taipei City 2, Bologna 0
G6: Hagerstown 8, Davenport 7
G7: Matamoros 6, Guaynabo 1
G8: Pearland 8, Hollidaysburg 3

SATURDAY'S GAMES
G13: Brisbane (Australia) vs. Bologna (Italy), 1 p.m.
G14: Bonney Lake (Wash.) vs. Davenport (Iowa), 3 p.m.
G15: Managua (Nicaragua) vs. Guaynabo (PR), 5 p.m.
G16: Middleboro (Mass.) vs. Hollidaysburg (Pa.), 7 p.m.

GOLF

LATE THURSDAY: PGA FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS: BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

1st of 4 rounds, South Course, Wilmington, Del., 7,534 yards; Par: 71

Keegan Bradley	29-35—64	-7
Adam Scott	32-33—65	-6
Shane Lowry	34-32—66	-5
Justin Thomas	32-34—66	-5
Harold Varner III	33-33—66	-5
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	33-34—67	-4
Tyrrell Hatton	32-35—67	-4
Russell Henley	33-34—67	-4
Collin Morikawa	32-35—67	-4
Chez Reavie	34-33—67	-4
Xander Schauffele	32-35—67	-4
Cameron Young	34-33—67	-4
Patrick Cantlay	35-33—68	-3
Corey Conners	34-34—68	-3
Emiliano Grillo	34-34—68	-3
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	32-36—68	-3
Marc Leishman	32-36—68	-3
Denny McCarthy	34-34—68	-3
Rory McIlroy	31-37—68	-3
Scottie Scheffler	35-33—68	-3
J.J. Spaun	36-32—68	-3
Jordan Spieth	34-34—68	-3
Scott Stallings	33-35—68	-3
Sam Burns	33-36—69	-2
Cameron Davis	36-33—69	-2
Matt Fitzpatrick	35-34—69	-2
Adam Hadwin	34-35—69	-2
Billy Horschel	34-35—69	-2
Matt Kuchar	34-35—69	-2
Troy Merritt	32-37—69	-2
Joaquin Niemann	34-35—69	-2
Alex Smalley	34-35—69	-2
Aaron Wise	34-35—69	-2
Lucas Herbert	35-35—70	-1
Tom Hoge	34-36—70	-1
Sungjae Im	33-37—70	-1
Chris Kirk	33-37—70	-1
Hideki Matsuyama	35-35—70	-1
Maverick McNealy	34-36—70	-1
Sebastian Munoz	35-35—70	-1
Will Zalatoris	37-33—70	-1
Joohyung Kim	36-35—71	E
Kevin Kisner	35-36—71	E
Kurt Kitayama	34-37—71	E
Trey Mullinax	35-36—71	E
Taylor Pendrith	35-36—71	E
Seamus Power	36-35—71	E
Brian Harman	38-34—72	+1
Max Homa	37-35—72	+1
Alex Noren	36-36—72	+1
J.T. Poston	35-37—72	+1
Sepp Straka	36-36—72	+1
Sahith Theegala	36-36—72	+1
Cameron Tringale	35-37—72	+1
Viktor Hovland	36-37—73	+2
Taylor Moore	36-37—73	+2
Andrew Putnam	34-39—73	+2
Jon Rahm	37-36—73	+2
Keith Mitchell	36-38—74	+3
Mito Pereira	37-37—74	+3
Lucas Glover	37-38—75	+4
Mackenzie Hughes	36-39—75	+4
Brendan Steele	38-38—76	+5
Wyndham Clark	37-40—77	+6
Tony Finau	40-37—77	+6
Davis Riley	38-39—77	+6
Si Woo Kim	41-37—78	+7
Luke List	39-39—78	+7

D+D REAL CZECH MASTERS

2nd of 4 rounds, Albatross Golf Resort, Prague, 7,468 yards, Par 72

130 (-14)	
Gavin Green	67-63
133 (-11)	
Richard Mansell	67-66
Thomas Pieters	65-68
Marcel Schneider	66-67
134 (-10)	
Louis De Jager	64-70
Maximilian Kieffer	68-66
135 (-9)	
Pep Angles	68-67
Bobby Bai	71-64
Grant Forrest	67-68
Jake McLeod	67-68
Renato Paratore	67-68
Tapio Pulkkanen	66-69
136 (-8)	
Benjamin Hebert	70-66
Jack Senior	68-68
137 (-7)	
Scott Jamieson	68-69
Thriston Lawrence	68-69
Eddie Pepperell	69-68
Carlos Pigem	68-69
Antoine Rozner	67-70
Rory Sabbatini	68-69
138 (-6)	
Alfredo Garcia-Heredia	69-69
Marcus Kinhult	68-70
Tom Lewis	69-69
Wilco Nienaber	71-67
Lee Slattery	69-69
Johannes Veerman	66-72
139 (-5)	
Nino Bertasio	69-70
John Catlin	71-68
Oliver Farr	69-70
Ross Fisher	70-69
Zander Lombard	70-69
Zach Murray	71-68
Kalle Samooja	71-68
Oliver Wilson	70-69
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Laurie Canter	72-68
Jannik De Bruyn	71-69
Stephen Gallacher	71-69
Jordan Gumberg	66-74
Gregory Havret	70-70
Daan Huizing	70-70
Soren Kjeldsen	70-70
Frederic Lacroix	69-71
Joakim Lagergren	68-72
Hugo Leon	67-73
Ricardo Santos	69-71
Cormac Sharvin	71-69
David Tomi	69-71
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Gregory Bourdy	71-70
Julien Brun	73-68
Alejandro Canizares	69-72
David Carey	71-70
Jens Dantorp	70-71
Sebastian Garcia Rodriguez	70-71
Ales Korinek	68-73
Joost Luiten	71-70
Andrea Pavan	70-71
Victor Perez	70-71
Ian Poulter	70-71
Uli Weinhandl	72-69
142 (-2)	
Thomas Aiken	70-72
Maverick Antcliff	70-72
Matej Baca	71-71
Sean Crocker	71-71
Hennie Du Plessis	75-67
Victor Dubuisson	72-70
Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	73-69
Angel Hidalgo	67-75
Borja Virto Astudillo	71-71
Jordan Zunic	68-74
Steven Brown,	73-WD
Eduardo De La Riva	77-WD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	879	—	13
2	Ford	811	-68	6
3	Toyota	800	-79	5

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	4	9	16	882
Ryan Blaney	0	8	12	766
Kyle Larson	1	9	12	745
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	3	11	740
Ross Chastain	2	10	14	739
Joey Logano	2	6	11	718
Christopher Bell	1	7	13	703
Kevin Harvick	2	7	13	665
Kyle Busch	1	6	12	663
William Byron	2	4	5	649
Alex Bowman	1	3	10	592
Denny Hamlin	2	5	7	574
Daniel Suarez	1	5	9	574
Tyler Reddick	2	7	9	563
Austin Cindric	1	4	7	556
Aric Almirola	0	2	7	552
Chase Briscoe	1	3	4	549
Erik Jones	0	2	8	540
Bubba Wallace	0	4	6	517
Austin Dillon	0	3	7	504
Kurt Busch	1	5	8	485
Chris Buescher	0	2	7	480
Justin Haley	0	1	2	461
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	1	5	410
Cole Custer	0	0	2	403
Michael McDowell	0	1	9	393
Brad Keselowski	0	0	3	393
Harrison Burton	0	1	2	386
Todd Gilliland	0	1	1	366
Ty Dillon	0	0	1	346
Corey LaJoie	0	1	1	293
Cody Ware	0	0	0	198
David Ragan	0	0	1	61
Joey Hand	0	0	0	52
Greg Biffle	0	0	0	24



Jimmie Johnson looks on during practice for NTT IndyCar Series Gallagher Grand Prix on July 29 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana. **LOGAN RIELY/GETTY**

INDYCAR

Picking up speed, but still out of reach

Johnson eyes 1st IndyCar win to close out his oval schedule

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

MADISON, Ill. — The focus in IndyCar is clearly on the seven-driver championship race as it heads into the final oval race of the season. But one more round racetrack also means a chance for Jimmie Johnson to grab his first series victory.

The seven-time NASCAR champion added the ovals to his schedule this year, his second since moving to IndyCar, and he's steadily shown improvement. Johnson finished a career-best fifth last month on the Iowa Speedway oval, one spot higher than he did earlier in the season at Texas Motor Speedway.

Now he's got a chance Saturday night at World Wide Technology Raceway, the a 1.25-mile oval outside St. Louis where Johnson has raced three times before.

Only problem? Johnson can't remember two of those three races.

"I do remember my first race here in, I think '98," Johnson said Friday. "I do not remember being here two other times... which is kind of weird. I was in an argument with my social media team — "I've only raced here once" and they said, "We have these stats that show you have been here three times.'"

All three of Johnson's previous starts at Gateway came at the start of his career in what's now called NASCAR's second-tier Xfinity Series. He finished 15th in his debut race, then was 13th in 2000 and 14th in 2001.

But he has a valid reason for only remembering the 1998 race: It was the start of his NASCAR career and Johnson was desperate for his big break.

"Myself, Ryan Newman and Adam Petty were all fighting for that seat," Johnson recalled. "Adam Petty was sitting in the stands watching me. We're literally fighting for this ride. I have more memories of that experience than the other two."

For the record, none of them got the ride. The seat instead went to Mike Dillon, father of current Cup drivers Austin and Ty Dillon, and it took Johnson more than a year to finally land a full-time ride.

He made it to the Cup Series in 2002 and never looked back, winning 83 Cup races and a record-tying seven championships.

Johnson moved to IndyCar in 2021 but skipped the ovals, even those tracks were his specialty in NASCAR. He added the ovals to run a full season this year and the tracks have unsurprisingly been site of Johnson's strongest runs since making the switch.

He didn't drive an Indy car on at Gateway until Friday's first practice but had tested a Cup car at the track before it was repaved. So is he headed into Saturday night believing he can win?

"I want to. I don't know if it's fair to think that until I get out on the track, get an understanding of it," Johnson said. "I think when I look at my oval performances, if there are multiple lanes, I seem to run well. Until I get out there, it's hard to say."

TIGHT RACE

Only 59 points separate the top seven drivers headed into Saturday night's race, the first of three to decide the IndyCar championship. Mathematically, though, 11 drivers can still win the title.

The leaders believe the numbers are proof of IndyCar's overall strength.

"There's no series like it in the world," said Will Power, who holds a six-point lead over Scott Dixon. "You've just got to look at qualifying every week, you've got to look at the time gap from first to last every week. There's not a series as tight as this, as tough as this."

The points lead has changed five times in the last 10 races and Indianapolis 500 winner Marcus Ericsson controlled the point for six races following his victory. But consistency has been rewarded, as evidenced by Josef Newgarden, whose four wins are double any other driver in the field despite being fourth in the standings and not leading the points since April.

"In some ways it's undercredited," Newgarden said. "You can be with any team and have a shot at winning a race when you show up every single weekend. That's not just a marketing line — it's a reality. It's just the best championship you will find on the planet with the top-line drivers of the world."

IN BRIEF

Injured LLWS player recovering

News services

A Little League World Series player who seriously injured his head when he fell out of his top bunk in dorms at the world series complex has FaceTimed with his coach and continues to improve, the coach said Friday.

Mark Ence, the manager for Snow Canyon, Utah, said he told his 12-year-old player, Easton Oliverson, that he loved him and Easton said he loved the coach back.

"It was great to hear his voice," Ence said.

Easton has been recovering in the hospital since the accident Monday. His MRI on Wednesday night came back normal, he has begun walking and walked to the bathroom on his own Friday morning, Ence said.

"I'm not familiar with the recovery process of that sort of injury," Ence said. "But he definitely is improving and the family wanted to let everyone know that they are grateful for the thoughts and prayers and they feel like the prayers are working."

Ence spoke with reporters hours before Utah, representing the Mountain Region, played its first game of the tournament against Tennessee from the Southeast Region.

With Easton's condition improving so quickly, his father, Jace will be back in the dugout to resume his role as an assistant coach. In addition, Easton's brother Brogan was added to the team's roster.

"You're allowed to have 14 on a roster," Ence said. "We had 13 and we were able to get Easton's little brother Brogan to come and be with our team, so he arrived yesterday. The family is extremely excited. I think it's going to be huge for the family in terms of the healing process to have Brogan be there."

Auto racing: IndyCar points leader Will Power won the pole for the Saturday night race at World Wide Technology Raceway and tied Mario Andretti for series pole record. The 67th pole of Power's career was won Friday on the short oval outside St. Louis. The Australian turned a lap at 183.089 mph to easily earn the top starting spot for the critical race in the IndyCar championship fight.

Basketball: A documentary on the 2008 U.S. men's basketball team known as the "Redeem Team," with executive producers including LeBron James and Dwayne Wade, will premiere on Netflix this fall. The streaming service announced Friday that "The Redeem Team" will debut Oct. 7. The film is Netflix's first collaboration with the International Olympic Committee. The documentary chronicles the 2008 team's bid for gold in the Beijing games after a disappointing bronze finish at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

Golf: Jessica Korda extended her lead to six shots going into the final day of the of the Aramco Team Series in Sotogrande and also won the team event. Korda shot a 4-under 68 in the second round, a day after carding an 11-under 61 that broke the course record and equaled the lowest round in relation to par ever made on the Ladies European Tour.

Soccer: Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel has been fined 35,000 pounds ($41,000) and given a one-match touchline ban over his scuffle with Tottenham counterpart Antonio Conte after Sunday's Premier League derby. Conte was fined 15,000 pounds ($18,000) but avoided a touchline ban.

SPORTS

GIANTS

Daboll mum on details of Jones' offseason surgery

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brian Daboll isn't going to be the one to reveal why Daniel Jones required neck surgery last winter.

The Giants head coach grew agitated Friday when quizzed about the "non-football-related procedure" Jones had acknowledged for the first time Thursday.

Daboll said he wasn't concerned about Jones' health now, but he wouldn't confirm or deny whether Jones had endured some sort of trauma that prompted the procedure.

"I'm not gonna get into Daniel's — Daniel talked yesterday about Daniel's injury," Daboll said. "That's Daniel['s] personal [life]."

Daboll was asked why he used the word "injury." He clarified that he had misspoken and raised his voice, making clear he was done with that line of questioning.

"Not an injury," Daboll said. "Whatever Daniel said yesterday, you guys ask Daniel."

Jones said Thursday his neck feels great and that the surgery had nothing to do with the neck strain that ended his 2021 NFL season early.

He hasn't missed a practice this training camp either. So the Giants appear to have plenty of reason to believe that this undisclosed issue is behind him.

But it's unsettling not to be aware of a possible medical condition or trauma incurred by a team's starting quarterback, even if the surgery happened about eight months ago.

Giants

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To make room for these signings on their roster, the Giants released undrafted rookie defensive tackle Chris Hinton and placed wideout Robert Foster (hamstring) on season-ending injured reserve.

"We still have to continue to work on working together as a unit," offensive line coach Bobby Johnson said Friday. "The good thing for us is the right side has been together the whole time: Mark Glowinski and Evan Neal.

"The center and left side's been in a little bit of flux. Guys are getting opportunities because other guys are out ... You can look at it as a negative. You can look at it as 'Woe is me.' I just look at it as, 'Hey a guy's out, another guy has an opportunity.' "

Jones and Barkley's playing time plans can best be described as fluid at this point. But Daboll definitely will be without wide receiver Kadarius Toney, who will miss a second straight preseason game and has failed to fully practice in nine of the Giants' 16 practices this summer.

Defensive lineman Leonard Williams will miss a second straight game. And receiver Darius Slayton, running backs Matt Breida and Gary Brightwell, edge rushers Elerson Smith and Jihad Ward, corners Rodarius Williams and Cor'Dale Flott, safety Dane Belton (broken collarbone) and tight ends Ricky Seals-Jones and Andre Miller (broken right forearm) all will sit too.

That's in addition to the three players on the physically-unable-to-perform list: wideout Sterling Shepard (Achilles), tackle Matt Peart (ACL) and center Nick Gates (leg).

That's on top of rookie tackle Marcus McKethan (ACL) going on season-ending injured reserve early in camp, tackle Korey Cunningham sustaining a non-football injury and getting cut before camp, and tackle Matt Gono retiring due to a health issue early in camp.

Bredeson had been working as this week's starting center until leaving Thursday's practice with a right arm injury.

Daboll said Garcia, 30, can handle the work in the middle.

Lessons to learn?: The Bengals are the last team to have played and beaten the Tennessee Titans, the Giants' Week 1 opponent. The Giants have won only one of their last 11 NFL regular-season openers (2016 at Dallas), so every little bit helps. Maybe they can use Cincy's 19-16 AFC divisional-round win to make a helpful list of dos and don'ts.

Do: Stop Derrick Henry. Cincy's defense held the Titans' imposing running back to 62 yards and a TD on 20 carries (3.1 average). Three Ryan Tannehill interceptions later, the Bengals had advanced.

Don't: Fail to protect the quarterback. The Titans defense racked up nine sacks on Joe Burrow that day, led by three from force-of-nature defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons.

Cincinnati was fortunate to escape in one piece, let alone with a victory.

Giants defensive coordinator Wink Martindale said he's already watched the tape of that game in his early stages of preparation.

He knows what's coming.

Ride

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shirt as "Pop," motivated him.

"His loss certainly left a hole in the family," Sill said. "Then at the end of the 2021, doctors found a tumor in my younger brother and as you can imagine, life kind of stopped for him and his family. Luckily, after going through procedures, treatments and scans, he's in a good place now.

"There's always that kind of thing in the back of your mind that something is going to happen."

Sill had to get a road bike and all the equipment and learn how to clip into his pedals with bike shoes.

"There is a training program; they don't just send us out there," he said. "It's pretty regimented. We started in April, we had safety clinics where we learn how to ride the bike and maneuver, how to ride in a line, rules of the road, signaling, all the ins and outs of nutrition, hydration.

"My first safety clinic, it was my first time clipped in and out. There were a few falls. We actually practiced falling out in the grass. Even after that when I wasn't supposed to be falling, I did fall a couple of times."

Sill said he will likely stick with cycling after the ride is over.

"It's been very rewarding in lots of ways," he said. "Getting to know the people on my team and the other people who are participating - some are cancer survivors, others are friends and family — to get to know them better and to learn their stories.

"It's a great cause, knowing the effect cancer has on patients and their families and knowing the funding goes to cancer research through the V Foundation is motivating and inspiring, but also when I have to do a 40-mile ride — the alarm clock goes off and I'd rather stay in bed - it's been motivating to think about the people I'm doing this for."

For more information about the ride, go to Coast 2 Coast 4 Cancer (donordrive.com) or to donate to Sill go to: Bruce Sill - Fundraising For The V Foundation (donordrive.com).

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JETS

Second-year WR Moore turning heads in camp

By Antwan Staley
New York Daily News



Elijah Moore prepares before a preseason game on Aug. 12 in Philadelphia. MATT ROURKE/AP

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Whenever rookies come into an NFL training camp, it can be overwhelming with a lot to learn in a short period of time.

It wasn't any different for Jets wide receiver Elijah Moore last season. But the former Ole Miss star feels different entering his second year in the league.

"Hearing the play over again, understanding my assignment and being in different scenarios in practice," Moore said. "I take it one day at a time and I'm going to get better.

"I feel more confident. Adding days on days just allows me to get more reps. I can't thank God enough for that. I feel good. I'm blessed and the only worries that I have is how I'm going to win at practice."

Despite playing in just 11 games as a rookie, Moore was the Jets' third-leading receiver. He recorded 43 catches for 538 yards and five touchdowns. But a quad injury cut his first campaign short as he was placed on injured reserve in late December.

Throughout training camp, Moore has shown his ability to make plays and separate himself from defenders. On Gang Green's touchdown drive against the Atlanta Falcons during Friday's joint practice, Moore made a couple of huge catches, including a 50-plus yarder that set up the eventual score.

"He comes to work every day and he is a professional," Jets coach Robert Saleh said about Moore. "He approaches every single day like a professional, he takes care of his body like a professional, he studies like one.

"He is a guy that has a great mindset, loves football and he hasn't even sniffed the surface, let alone scratched it of what we think he's going to be capable of. He's running his routes and knows exactly what he needs to do. I love the progression at where he's at."

Both units solid: Moore wasn't the only player with significant plays against the Falcons' defense. Running back Breece Hall also stood out as he recorded a 75-yard run for a touchdown against Atlanta's first-team defense. Undrafted free agent wide receiver Irvin Charles made key catches during 11-on-11 drills.

It wasn't just the Jets offense who made significant plays against the Falcons, so did a few defenders. Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner registered his first interception in training camp as he picked off his former Cincinnati Bearcats teammate Desmond Ridder.

Jermaine Johnson also got into the action as he sacked Falcons quarterback Marcus Mariota on a fourth-down play to end the 11-on-11 drill. Saleh said it was a good tune-up for the Jets leading toward Monday night's game at MetLife Stadium.

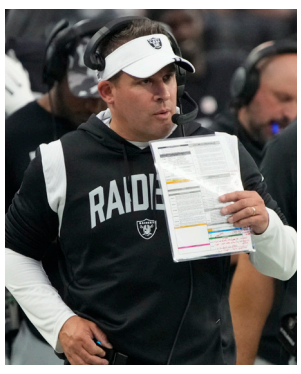
Quinnen Williams still out: Jets defensive lineman Quinnen Williams has missed the last week of practice because of an ankle injury. During Friday's practice, he was on the field, but worked individually with a trainer.

Although he could practice on Saturday, it is unlikely the Jets would risk playing Williams when he is less than 100%. Williams isn't the only defensive line injury the Jets now have to worry about as Vinny Curry also suffered an injury in practice.

NFL

McDaniels ready for redemption with Raiders

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe



Raiders coach Josh McDaniels during a preseason game against the Vikings on Sunday in Las Vegas. RICK SCUTERI/AP

HENDERSON, Nev. — Josh McDaniels sits back in his chair in his brand-new conference room, in his sparkling-new $75 million practice facility, feeling like the luckiest man in Las Vegas.

Decked head to toe in Raiders gear, McDaniels, 46, is the boss again. Twelve years after his first head coaching job ended disastrously in Denver, McDaniels gets a shot at redemption in Vegas, the city of second chances.

"I had no idea if I was going to be able to do anything like this again," McDaniels said. "I never took that for granted."

And what a shot he gets. McDaniels takes over a Raiders team that made the playoffs last year, has a legitimate franchise quarterback in Derek Carr, and has real star power in receiver Davante Adams and pass rusher Maxx Crosby. The Raiders are no rebuilding job — they are built to win.

McDaniels also has facilities that would make Bill Belichick jealous: glittering new headquarters that include three outdoor practice fields, a massive indoor barn with 1½ full-sized football fields, a lap pool for rehab, and an office facility that looks like a spaceship that landed in the desert.

On Sundays, McDaniels and the Raiders will be the hottest show in town as they play in a billion-dollar stadium located just west of the Las Vegas Strip.

"They try to do it the right way, which is exactly what I was used to in New England," McDaniel "There's such a history and tradition with this team, and I knew of it, but I hadn't ever really been inside of it.

"Just to hear their philosophy and see the commitment that they have and the tradition of the guys that have been here, it's just a unique opportunity."

It's an opportunity that McDaniels didn't know would materialize after his first experience as a head coach. The Broncos hired him in 2009 as a 33-year-old wunderkind, and it ended up being two of the worst years of McDaniels's life.

He came from the rival Patriots and never connected with the Denver community. He alienated his staff and players, including popular star quarterback Jay Cutler, who asked for a trade just two months after McDaniels arrived. There was an embarrassing videotaping incident. And the Broncos went 11-17, with McDaniels fired before finishing his second season.

He spent the next year living in a hotel in St. Louis, separated from his family and coordinating the Rams' 32nd-ranked offense. In 2012, McDaniels slunk back to the Patriots, the only team that still believed in him.

But now McDaniels is appreciative of everything that happened in Denver.

"It was a humbling experience for me, but it was the best experience of my career," McDaniels said. "There's a lot of things that I learned and noted about my couple years in Denver, that if I ever had another chance, I would try to do it better."

One of the areas in which McDaniels vows to improve with the Raiders is delegating responsibility and trusting his staff.

In Vegas, McDaniels has the support system he needs. His coaching staff has six former Patriots, including both coordinators (Mick Lombardi and Patrick Graham) and his quarterbacks coach (Bo Hardegree).

The Raiders' 90-man roster has nine former Patriots — almost all of them role players like Brandon Bolden, Duron Harmon, and Jarrett Stidham, who can quietly help McDaniels build his culture and implement his offense without alienating established star players like Carr and Crosby.

And McDaniels's general manager, Dave Ziegler, was his college roommate and teammate. They are now in their 12th year working together in the NFL, including the last nine in New England.

Sun

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Game 2 of the best-of-three series is set for noon Sunday at Mohegan Sun Arena. If the Sun win they will move on to the semifinals and face either the Chicago Sky or New York Liberty.

When the 2021 WNBA playoffs started, Thomas was fresh off an Achilles tear. She suffered the injury on Jan. 11, 2021 while overseas in the Czech Republic and managed to return to WNBA action just nine months later on Sept. 15, 2021. She played two regular season games before the start of the postseason and then averaged 11.8 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.8 assists in the semifinals against the Sky, which the Sun lost 3-1.

Those were impressive performances, especially given the injury, but it wasn't exactly "Playoff AT."

Thomas was utterly dominant in the 2020 postseason as she nearly willed the seventh-seeded Sun — without Jonquel Jones, who opted out — all the way to the finals in the "Wubble." The 6-foot-2 forward, who has played a large chunk of her career with a partially torn labrum in both shoulders, dislocated her right shoulder early in Game 2 of that season's semifinals against the Las Vegas Aces.

Players from both sides could hear her screaming in the locker room as her shoulder was put back into its socket by trainers. Yet she somehow came back for Game 3 and went off for 23 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and three steals in 39 minutes to lead the Sun to a 77-68 victory.

Thomas averaged 18.1 points, 8.1 rebounds, 4 assists and 1.7 steals per game that postseason. The year prior, she produced 16 points, 9.3 rebounds, 6.6 assists and 2.4 steals per contest as the Sun made it to the finals and fell to the Washington Mystics in a close five game series.

Thomas was dominant for the Sun throughout the 2022 regular season, averaging 13.4 points, 8.2 rebounds, 6.1 assists and 1.7 steals per game while making a strong case for WNBA Defensive Player of the Year. She recorded the first two triple-doubles of her career over a span of 12 days, which left many scratching their heads wondering how she hadn't accomplished that feat before, given her versatility and how close she'd come on so many different occasions.

Anyone who's coached Thomas, including Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller, will be quick to tell you she's the most competitive, high-intensity player they've ever worked with. That goes to a whole different level in the postseason, with the prospect of elimination and a championship on the line. Now she's back fully healthy and determined to help lead Connecticut to its first WNBA title.

"I love playoff time," Thomas wrote in a Pllayer's Tribune article earlier this week. "I'm trying to take it to another level. I know I still have another gear in me."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	73	46	.613	—	—	3-7	L-1	42-18	31-28
Tampa Bay	63	54	.538	9	—	6-4	W-1	36-22	27-32
Toronto	63	54	.538	9	—	4-6	W-2	36-25	27-29
Baltimore	61	57	.517	11 ½	2 ½	5-5	L-2	33-22	28-35
Boston	59	60	.496	14	5	5-5	L-1	29-30	30-30
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Cleveland	63	55	.534	—	—	7-3	W-1	31-24	32-31
Minnesota	61	55	.526	1	1 ½	5-5	W-3	34-25	27-30
Chicago	61	58	.513	2 ½	3	6-4	L-2	30-31	31-27
Kansas City	48	72	.400	16	16 ½	3-7	L-4	29-34	19-38
Detroit	45	75	.375	19	19 ½	2-8	L-1	26-33	19-42
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	77	43	.642	—	—	7-3	W-2	39-18	38-25
Seattle	65	54	.546	11 ½	+1	7-3	W-3	31-26	34-28
Texas	53	65	.449	23	10 ½	5-5	W-1	27-34	26-31
Los Angeles	51	67	.432	25	12 ½	5-5	L-3	26-36	25-31
Oakland	43	76	.361	33 ½	21	2-8	L-1	17-38	26-38

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EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	76	43	.639	—	—	6-4	L-1	40-19	36-24
Atlanta	73	47	.608	3 ½	+7 ½	9-1	W-1	40-23	33-24
Philadelphia	65	52	.556	10	+1	6-4	L-1	32-26	33-26
Miami	52	66	.441	23 ½	12 ½	3-7	L-1	25-33	27-33
Washington	40	80	.333	36 ½	25 ½	4-6	W-1	19-44	21-36
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
St. Louis	66	51	.564	—	—	7-3	W-4	40-21	26-30
Milwaukee	63	55	.534	3 ½	1 ½	5-5	L-1	31-24	32-31
Chicago	51	67	.432	15 ½	13 ½	7-3	W-4	25-34	26-33
Cincinnati	46	70	.397	19 ½	17 ½	3-7	W-1	26-36	20-34
Pittsburgh	46	72	.390	20 ½	18 ½	2-8	W-1	25-31	21-41
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Los Angeles	81	36	.692	—	—	7-3	L-1	40-15	41-21
San Diego	66	55	.545	17	—	5-5	L-1	33-25	33-30
San Francisco	59	59	.500	22 ½	5 ½	6-4	L-2	34-29	25-30
Arizona	55	63	.466	26 ½	9 ½	6-4	W-2	32-29	23-34
Colorado	51	69	.425	31 ½	14 ½	3-7	L-5	33-30	18-39

BOX SCORES

CHICAGO CUBS 8, MILWAUKEE 7

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich dh	5	1	2	1	0	.252
Adames ss	4	0	1	1	0	.219
Tellez 1b	5	1	1	1	0	.237
McCutchen lf	3	2	1	2	0	.253
Renfroe rf	4	1	2	2	0	.249
Wong 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.244
Urias 3b	3	1	0	0	1	.223
Caratini c	4	0	0	0	3	.215
Taylor cf	4	1	1	0	3	.222
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**7**	
Chicago	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Madrigal 2b	4	2	3	0	0	.250
Contreras c	2	0	0	1	0	.248
Wisdom 3b	4	1	1	2	2	.219
Suzuki rf	3	1	1	1	1	.242
Reyes dh	4	1	1	1	3	.368
Happ lf	4	1	2	1	1	.282
Velazquez cf	4	0	0	0	4	.235
Higgins 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.263
Morel ss	3	2	2	2	0	.257
Hoerner ss	1	0	0	0	0	.299
TOTALS	**33**	**8**	**10**	**8**	**14**	

Milwaukee	**203**	**002**	**000**	**—**	**7**	**9**	**0**
Chicago	**310**	**022**	**00x**	**—**	**8**	**10**	**1**

E: Morel (7). **LOB:** Milwaukee 5, Chicago 4. **2B:** Taylor (15), Suzuki (17). 3B: Reyes (2). HR: McCutchen (14), off Thompson; Tellez (25), off Thompson; Renfroe (22), off Thompson; Wisdom (22), off Ashby; Morel (12), off Milner. **RBIs:** McCutchen 2(55), Tellez (73), Renfroe 2(50), Yelich (38), Adames (67), Suzuki (37), Reyes (6), Happ (55), Contreras (49), Wisdom 2(57), Morel 2(34). SF: Contreras. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 2(Tellez, Urias); Chicago 2(Wisdom, Happ). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1for 4; Chicago 4for 9. **Runners moved up:** Yelich, Contreras. **GIDP:** Tellez. **DP:** Chicago 1(Madrigal, Wisdom, Higgins).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashby	5	8	6	6	0	8	4.58
Milner, L, 3-2, BS, 0-1	2	1	2	2	2	0	3.64
Strzelecki	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.51
Boxberger	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.38
CHICAGO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Thompson	3⅔	6	5	5	3	3	3.97
Castro	1⅓	1	2	2	1	1	12.27
Brault, BS, 0-1	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Rucker, W, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.46
Leiter Jr., H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	3	4.33
Hughes, S, 2-4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.95

Inherited runners-scored: Castro 1-0, Brault 2-2. **HBP:** Strzelecki (Suzuki). **WP:** Ashby(2). **Umpires:** Home, Brennan Miller; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt. T: 2:55. **A:** 39,962(41,649).

LATE THURSDAY: TAMPA BAY 7, KANSAS CITY 1

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Massey 2b	4	1	2	1	0	.321
Witt Jr. 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.249
Perez c	2	0	1	0	1	.229
1-Eaton pr-lf	0	0	0	0	0	.190
Pasquantino dh	3	0	0	0	1	.270
Dozier rf-1b	4	0	0	0	0	.241
Pratto 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.180
a-Rooker lf	1	0	0	0	0	.222
Melendez c	1	0	0	0	0	.223
Taylor cf	4	0	2	0	1	.270
Isbel lf-rf	4	0	1	0	1	.218
Lopez ss	4	0	0	0	1	.241
TOTALS	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**7**	
Tampa Bay	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Diaz 3b	4	2	2	3	0	.276
Chang 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.207
Lowe 2b	4	1	1	1	1	.232
Arozarena lf	2	0	1	1	0	.255
Peralta dh	4	0	0	0	1	.250
Walls ss	4	0	1	0	0	.176
Choi 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.240
Bethancourt c	4	2	2	1	0	.237
Quinn rf	4	1	3	0	1	.289
Siri cf	4	1	1	0	1	.190
TOTALS	**35**	**7**	**12**	**6**	**6**	

Kansas City	**000**	**000**	**010**	**—**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Tampa Bay	**100**	**000**	**51x**	**—**	**7**	**12**	**0**

a-lined out for Pratto in the 6th.
1-ran for Perez in the 8th. **E:** Perez (3). **LOB:** Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Isbel (8), Diaz (25), Arozarena (26), Choi (17). **3B:** Quinn (2). **HR:** Massey (1), off Armstrong; Diaz (7), off Castillo; Bethancourt (6), off Staumont. **RBIs:** Massey (6), Diaz 3(44), Lowe (25), Arozarena (62), Bethancourt (22). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 2(Lopez, Rooker); Tampa Bay 4 (Chang, Walls, Lowe, Bethancourt). **RISP:** KC 0for 3; TB 4for 13.

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo, L, 0-1	5	3	1	1	1	3	2.81
Garrett	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	4.28
Keller	⅔	6	5	5	0	1	5.27
Staumont	1	3	1	1	0	1	5.70
TAMPA BAY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Patino, W, 1-1	5⅔	4	0	0	2	4	3.95
Poche, H, 15	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.10
Armstrong	2	2	1	1	1	3	3.82

Pitches-Strikes: Castillo 69-48; Garrett 22-15; Keller 29-20; Staumont 22-13; Patiño 86-63; Poche 20-15; Armstrong 32-20.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Castillo 11-3; Garrett 1-0; Keller 6-1; Staumont 0-2; Patiño 9-3; Poche 0-0; Armstrong 3-1.
Batters Faced: Castillo 19; Garrett 5; Keller 8; Staumont 5; Patiño 23; Poche 4; Armstrong 9.
Inherited runners-scored: Poche 2-0.
WP: Keller.
Umpires: Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Adam Beck; Second, John Libka; Third, Ben May. **Time:** 2:48. **A:** 8,168(25,000).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Thursday

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Arraez Min	104	394	65	132	.335
Gimenez Cle	106	348	48	108	.310
J.Abreu ChW	117	447	66	137	.306
Gurriel Jr. Tor	106	392	49	120	.306
Bogaerts Bos	113	419	64	127	.303
Kwan Cle	105	390	61	118	.303
Benintendi KC	113	412	48	124	.301
Devers Bos	102	407	66	122	.300
Kirk Tor	104	341	49	102	.299
Alvarez Hou	102	354	76	105	.297

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 46; Alvarez, Houston, 31; Buxton, Minnesota, 28; Rizzo, New York, 28; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 27; Seager, Texas, 26; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 26.
Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 102; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 98; Tucker, Houston, 80; Alvarez, Houston, 77; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 75; A.Garcia, Texas, 74.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 15-3; F.Valdez, Houston, 12-4; Cease, Chicago, 12-5; Manoah, Toronto, 12-6; Taillon, New York, 11-3; Urquidy, Houston, 11-4; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 11-5; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-5.

LATE THURSDAY: ARIZONA 5, SAN FRANCISCO 0

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Varsho rf	4	0	2	1	0	.241
Garrett dh	5	1	2	0	1	.500
Rojas 2b	4	1	3	1	0	.283
Walker 1b	5	1	1	0	1	.223
McCarthy lf	5	1	3	1	0	.280
C.Kelly c	3	0	2	1	1	.224
Thomas cf	4	0	0	0	2	.237
Alcantara 3b	3	1	0	1	0	.207
Perdomo ss	3	0	0	0	0	.193
TOTALS	**36**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**5**	
San Fran.	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Wade Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	1	.195
Estrada 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.266
Pederson lf	4	0	1	0	0	.250
Longoria 3b	3	0	2	0	1	.253
Belt 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.220
Davis dh	3	0	0	0	1	.253
Crawford ss	3	0	0	0	2	.221
Bart c	3	0	0	0	1	.231
Yastrzemski cf	3	0	0	0	2	.212
TOTALS	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**12**	

Arizona	**002**	**120**	**000**	**—**	**5**	**13**	**1**
San Francisco	**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	**4**	**1**

E: Thomas (3), Pederson (2). **LOB:** Arizona 9, San Francisco 3. **2B:** Garrett (3), Rojas (17), Varsho (18), McCarthy (12), Longoria (7). **RBIs:** Varsho (56), Rojas (38), Alcantara (17), McCarthy (20), C.Kelly (21). SB: Garrett (1). CS: Rojas (1). S: Perdomo. **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 6(Thomas, Garrett, Walker, McCarthy, Perdomo, C.Kelly); San Francisco 3(Yastrzemski, Belt 2). **RISP:** Arizona 4for 14; San Francisco 0for 4. **Runners moved up:** Alcantara. LI**DP:** Walker. **GIDP:** Thomas, Belt, Pederson. **DP:** Arizona 2(Perdomo, Alcantara, Walker; Perdomo, Alcantara, Walker); San Francisco 2(Longoria, Estrada, Longoria; Crawford, Longoria, Belt).

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen, W, 9-2	7⅓	4	0	0	0	12	2.78
Ramirez	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.27
Ginkel	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.87
SAN FRAN.	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Webb, L, 11-6	4⅔	9	5	3	3	0	3.08
Szapucki	2⅓	3	0	0	0	4	22.50
Littell	2	1	0	0	1	1	4.73

Pitches-Strikes: Gallen 99-70; Ramirez 3-3; Ginkel 10-6; Webb 92-66; Szapucki 38-27; Littell 34-20.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Gallen 8-2; Ramirez 0-2; Ginkel 1-1; Webb 12-3; Szapucki 2-1; Littell 0-3.
Batters Faced: Gallen 25; Ramirez 2; Ginkel 3; Webb 24; Szapucki 9; Littell 8.
Inherited runners-scored: Ramirez 1-0, Szapucki 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Mark Ripperger; Second, Cory Blaser; Third, Dan Bellino. **Time:** 2:55. **A:** 26,197(41,915).

LATE THURSDAY: ATLANTA 3, N.Y. METS 2

NY Mets	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	0	0	3	.264
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	0	.288
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	0	.270
Alonso dh	4	0	0	0	1	.273
2-Marrero pr	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Ruf 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.221
a-Vogelbach ph	1	0	0	0	1	.237
McNeil 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.315
Canha lf	3	1	2	2	1	.272
Baty 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.286
McCann c	3	0	1	0	1	.180
1-Naquin pr	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Perez c	0	0	0	0	0	.145
TOTALS	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**9**	
Atlanta	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Acuna Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	2	.272
Swanson ss	4	1	1	1	2	.292
Riley 3b	4	0	2	1	2	.289
Olson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.248
d'Arnaud c	3	0	0	0	1	.258
Rosario dh	3	0	0	0	1	.178
Grissom 2b	3	1	1	0	1	.406
Harris II cf	3	0	1	1	2	.288
Grossman lf	3	1	1	0	1	.286
TOTALS	**30**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**12**	

N.Y. Mets	**000**	**020**	**000**	**—**	**2**	**6**	**0**
Atlanta	**002**	**000**	**100**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**0**

a-struck out for Ruf in the 9th.
1-ran for McCann in the 8th.
2-ran for Alonso in the 9th.
LOB: New York 4, Atlanta 3. **2B:** Canha (15), McCann (4), Swanson (26), Harris II (15). **HR:** Canha (8), off Fried. **RBIs:** Canha 2(42), Swanson (66), Riley (75), Harris II (40). **SB:** Marrero (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 3(Marte 2, McNeil); Atlanta 1 (Grossman). **RISP:** New York 1for 7; Atlanta 1for 2.

NY METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
deGrom, L, 2-1	6⅔	5	3	3	0	9	2.31
Lugo	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	3.28
Givens	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.97
ATLANTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Fried, W, 11-4	7	4	2	2	0	6	2.60
Minter, H, 21	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	2.37
Iglesias, H, 3	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	1.29
Jansen, S, 28-32	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.18

Pitches-Strikes: deGrom 95-68; Lugo 11-7; Givens 13-11; Fried 93-62; Minter 13-8; Iglesias 3-2; Jansen 13-9.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: deGrom 6-4; Lugo 2-0; Givens 0-0; Fried 12-4; Minter 0-0; Iglesias 1-0; Jansen 2-1.
Batters Faced: deGrom 25; Lugo 2; Givens 3, Fried 25; Minter 3; Iglesias 1; Jansen 4.
Inherited runners-scored: Lugo 1-1, Iglesias 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Shane Livensparger; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Mike Estabrook; Third, Will Little. **Time:** 2:41. **A:** 39,378(41,084).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Thursday

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	R	H	AVG.
Goldschmidt StL	111	415	82	139	.335
Freeman LAD	117	455	82	146	.321
McNeil NYM	105	371	52	117	.315
J.Iglesias Col	101	373	44	117	.314
T.Turner LAD	117	477	72	146	.306
M.Machado SD	110	423	77	129	.305
Hoerner ChC	102	363	37	109	.300
Lux LAD	107	342	60	101	.295
Arenado StL	109	413	59	121	.293
Swanson Atl	120	466	76	136	.292

Home Runs: Schwarber, Philadelphia, 34; Riley, Atlanta, 30; C.Walker, Arizona, 29; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 29; Alonso, New York, 29; Betts, Los Angeles, 27.
Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 99; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 94; Lindor, New York, 83; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 83; Cron, Colorado, 80; Olson, Atlanta, 79.
Pitching: Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 15-1; Wright, Atlanta, 14-5; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 13-2; Carrasco, New York, 13-5; J.Urias, Los Angeles, 13-6; Fried, Atlanta, 11-4; Alcantara, Miami, 11-5; Webb, San Francisco, 11-6; Rodon, San Francisco, 11-6; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 11-6.

LATE THURSDAY: MILWAUKEE 5, L.A. DODGERS 3

LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
T.Turner ss	4	1	2	0	1	.306
Freeman 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.321
Smith c	4	1	1	1	1	.271
Muncy dh	3	0	0	0	2	.185
J.Turner 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.252
Lux 2b	4	0	2	2	1	.295
Gallo rf	3	0	0	0	2	.231
C.Taylor lf	3	0	0	0	2	.232
Bellinger cf	4	0	0	0	3	.204
TOTALS	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**12**	
Milwaukee	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Yelich dh	4	1	1	0	2	.250
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	2	.218
McCutchen lf	4	3	2	3	1	.253
Renfroe rf	3	1	3	2	0	.246
Brosseau 3b	3	0	0	0	3	.261
Hiura 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.241
Wong 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.244
Caratini c	3	0	0	0	1	.219
T.Taylor cf	3	0	0	0	2	.222
TOTALS	**30**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**14**	

L.A. Dodgers	**000**	**003**	**000**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**0**
Milwaukee	**102**	**020**	**00x**	**—**	**5**	**6**	**0**

LOB: Los Angeles 6, Milwaukee 5. **2B:** T.Turner (31), Renfroe (14). 3B: Lux (7). HR: McCutchen 2(13), off Heaney; Renfroe (21), off Heaney. **RBIs:** Smith (66), Lux 2(39), McCutchen 3(53), Renfroe 2(48). SB: Brosseau (2). S: Wong. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 1(C.Taylor); Milwaukee 3(Wong, Hiura, T.Taylor). **RISP:** Los Angeles 3for 6; Milwaukee 0for 6. **GIDP:** J.Turner. **DP:** Milwaukee 1(Adames, Wong, Hiura).

LA DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heaney, L, 1-1	4⅔	5	5	3	1	10	1.77
Moronta	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	4.18
Price	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.36
Bickford	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	4.78
Vesia	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	2.77
MILWAUKEE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Burnes, W, 9-5	5⅔	6	3	3	2	6	2.48
Boxberger, H, 22	⅓	0	0	0	1	1	2.44
Rogers, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.79
Bush, H, 1	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.91
Williams, S, 8-8	1	0	0	0	0	3	1.55

Pitches-Strikes: Heaney 89-57; Moronta 12-6; Price 10-7; Bickford 24-14; Vesia 4-4; Burnes 103-65; Boxberger 8-4; Rogers 7-5; Bush 15-10; Williams 12-9.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Heaney 3-4; Moronta 0-1; Price 2-0; Bickford 1-0; Vesia 0-0; Burnes 4-4; Boxberger 0-0; Rogers 1-1; Bush 1-1; Williams 0-0.
Batters Faced: Heaney 22; Moronta 2; Price 3; Bickford 5; Vesia 2; Burnes 24; Boxberger 2; Rogers 3; Bush 4; Williams 3.
Inherited runners-scored: Vesia 1-0, Boxberger 1-0. **HBP:** Heaney (Renfroe). PB: Smith (4). **Umpires:** Home, Jeremy Riggs; First, Chad Fairchild; Second, David Rackley; Third, Sean Barber. T: 2:58. **A:** 27,403(41,900).

LATE THURSDAY: TORONTO 9, N.Y. YANKEES 2

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Springer dh	5	2	5	1	0	.267
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	3	1	3	0	.282
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	1	1	0	1	.306
Kirk c	4	0	2	2	1	.299
Hernandez rf	5	1	2	2	1	.267
Bichette ss	5	0	1	0	2	.260
M.Chapman 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.235
Espinal 2b	3	1	0	1	0	.272
Merrifield cf	3	1	0	0	0	.239
Bradley Jr. cf	0	0	0	0	0	.209
TOTALS	**39**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**6**	
NY Yankees	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
LeMahieu 2b	5	0	2	0	1	.282
Judge rf	4	0	0	1	1	.295
Rizzo 1b	3	0	2	0	1	.222
Donaldson 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.223
Benintendi lf	4	0	0	0	3	.301
Torres dh	4	0	0	0	2	.246
Cabrera ss	4	0	2	0	2	.250
Trevino c	3	1	0	0	0	.265
Florial cf	3	1	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**34**	**2**	**7**	**1**	**13**	

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E: Berrios (1), LeMahieu (3).
LOB: Toronto 7, New York 8. **2B:** Springer (16), M.Chapman (19), Kirk (16), Hernandez (24), Cabrera (1), Rizzo (19).
HR: Guerrero Jr. (26), off Montas.
RBIs: Espinal (44), Springer (51), Guerrero Jr. 3(75), Kirk 2(45), Hernandez 2(56), Judge (102). **SF:** Kirk.**Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 4 (M.Chapman 2, Kirk, Bichette); New York 4(Torres, Judge, Trevino, Cabrera). **RISP:** Toronto 4for 14; New York 1for 10. **Runners moved up:** Gurriel Jr., Benintendi. **GIDP:** Guerrero Jr.. **DP:** New York 1(Donaldson, LeMahieu, Rizzo).

TORONTO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Berrios, W, 9-5	6⅔	6	2	1	1	9	5.39
Bass	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.23
Kikuchi	1	1	0	0	1	2	5.18
Romano	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45
NY YANKEES	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Montas, L, 4-10	6	8	6	6	1	2	3.87
Abreu	1	2	3	2	1	1	3.16
Luetge	2	3	0	0	1	3	2.74

Pitches-Strikes: Berríos 95-68; Bass 5-3; Kikuchi 17-10; Romano 10-9; Montas 92-59; Abreu 28-15; Luetge 43-24.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Berríos 8-4; Bass 0-0; Kikuchi 1-1; Romano 1-1; Montas 10-5; Abreu 2-0; Luetge 2-0;

Inherited runners-scored: Bass 2-0.
HBP: Berrios (Florial).
Umpires: Home, Bill Welke; First, Junior Valentine; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Andy Fletcher.
Time: 3:09. **A:** 41,419(47,309).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

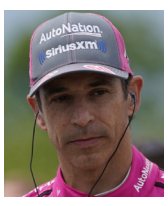
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1912: Walter Johnson won his American League-record 15th straight game, downing Cleveland 4-2 in the opener of a doubleheader. Washington's Carl Cashion pitched a six-inning no-hitter to give the Senators a 2-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians in the second game, which was called to allow Cleveland to catch a train to Boston.
1938: New York's Lou Gehrig hit his 23rd and the final grand slam of his career and drove in six runs to lead the Yankees to an 11-3 win over the Philadelphia Athletics.
1945: Tommy Brown, 17 years, 8 months, 14 days, of the Brooklyn Dodgers became the youngest major league player to hit a home run when he connected in Ebbets Field against Preacher Roe of the Pittsburgh Pirates.
1957: Bob Keegan of the Chicago White Sox pitched a 6-0 no-hit victory over the Washington Senators in the second game of a doubleheader.
1958: Detroit's Jim Bunning pitched a no-hitter to lead the Tigers to a 3-0 win over the Boston Red Sox in the opening game of a doubleheader at Fenway Park.
1961: The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Milwaukee Braves 7-4 in the second game of a doubleheader to snap a 23-game losing streak, a modern record.
1965: Milwaukee's Eddie Mathews hit his 28th home run, and the Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3. With the homer, the duo of Mathews and Hank Aaron passed the Babe Ruth-Lou Gehrig total of 772 home runs to become the top home-run tandem in major league history.
1974: Nolan Ryan of the California Angels struck out 19 Tigers in a 1-0, 11-inning loss to Detroit. It was the third time this season that Ryan struck out 19 batters in a game.
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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Castroneves signs 1-year extension



There was no chance Meyer Shank Racing would risk four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves making history with another team. Curtailing that possibility, the team announced a one-year contract extension Friday that will bring Castroneves back for a 26th full IndyCar season. Castroneves won his fourth 500 in 2021 driving a part-time schedule for MSR as Castroneves was desperately fighting off a forced slide toward retirement. Michael Shank believed in the popular Brazilian and last year's Indy win led to a full season at MSR's expanded two-car organization. Castroneves is now 47 years old, yet insistent he's got plenty of gas in his tank. Shank wholeheartedly agreed. "I don't want anyone else to win a fifth Indy 500," Shank told The Associated Press. "He's very emotional about this, he's going down swinging. I think he'd like to do at least one more (full) year and then maybe try just Indy? And then do some other things, too. He wants to stay involved, he wants to use what he's strong at, and we support him 100%."

OF Ozuna facing more legal woes



Braves outfielder Marcell Ozuna was arrested early Friday morning and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. It was the second arrest in as many years for Ozuna. He was arrested on May 29, 2021, on charges of aggravated assault by strangulation and battery after police officers said they witnessed him attacking his wife. Those charges were dropped after he completed a pretrial diversion program. Now Ozuna is facing more legal problems after he was arrested by a Norcross Police officer in metro Atlanta. He was booked into the Gwinnett County jail about 4:30 a.m. Friday. He was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane and was released on $1,830 bond. "The Atlanta Braves are aware of Marcell Ozuna's arrest this morning and are still gathering all the facts pertaining to the incident," the team said in a statement. Following the 2021 arrest, Ozuna was placed on administrative leave during an MLB investigation and missed the Braves' World Series championship run. MLB suspended Ozuna for 20 games under its domestic violence policy in November.

Champions League, CBS reach deal

The Champions League is staying on CBS in the United States for an additional six years with parent company Paramount paying $250 million a year to renew its prime European soccer rights through 2030. That's an increase of 250% from the previous deal, starting in the 2024-25 season when a new competition format creates a 50% increase in the number of games. The current Paramount deal is for $100 million per season for the English language rights for 2021-24. In May, CBS drew a U.S.-record for a Champions League final broadcast in English with a 2.76 million average audience for Real Madrid's 1-0 win over Liverpool. The Spanish language rights in the U.S. – currently held by Univision for about $40 million per season through 2024 – have not yet been sold, the person told the AP. The six-year deal is unusual for UEFA and its sales department, which typically offers three-year Champions League contracts. The competition will be revamped in 2024 with 36 teams instead of the current 32 playing in a single league table instead of traditional four-team groups, before an expanded knockout round. The format change will give Paramount and other rights holders 189 games per season starting in 2024 instead of the current 125. *—Associated Press*



Signage showing the new USA Gymnastics logo is displayed during the U.S. Gymnastics Championships. **MIKE CARLSON/AP**

GYMNASTICS

Raising the bar?

USA Gymnastics enters post-Nassar era with hope

By Will Graves
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The blue and red flames of the new logo USA Gymnastics unveiled this week are designed to symbolize rebirth. They might as well double as a metaphor for the self-inflicted damage the organization has endured for the better part of a decade.

The Larry Nassar sexual abuse scandal shook the sport's national governing body to its core. Hundreds of victims of abuse at the hands of the former national team doctor came forward to tell their stories, some of them highlighting a toxic culture that allowed Nassar to hide in plain sight for decades.

The fallout included sending Nassar to jail essentially for the rest of his life, a massive leadership overhaul within the organization — more than half of the current staff has been with the organization for three years or less — and last December a $380 million settlement between abuse victims, USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The agreement included a series of provisions designed to promote transparency, accountability and safety within a program that used to be the gold standard of the U.S. Olympic movement.

The settlement assured the organization's survival. And that process — as painful and public and humiliating as it was — might have been the easy part.

Now comes a far more difficult task: making sure the changes — some of them implemented years ago, others still in the works — actually stick. And president Li Li Leung, hired in 2019, knows it.

"We're truly committed to the pursuit of a culture that will prevent these failings from ever happening again," Leung said Wednesday on the eve of the 2022 U.S. Championships. "So now how we feel doesn't really matter. It's our actions that matter."

One of the most visible will be on display for the first time this weekend at Amalie Arena. USA Gymnastics overhauled its women's elite program over the winter, dividing the job of national team coordinator into three separate but equal gigs. Dan Baker is now the developmental lead, with Olympic medalist and 2005 world champion Chellsie Memmel serving as the technical lead and 2008 Olympic silver medalist Alicia Sacramone Quinn serving as the strategic lead.

The new paradigm was designed to make sure no one person wielded too much power and influence within the program. The arrangement is still very much in the feeling-out stage, though the hiring of two former athletes who have excelled in the crucible of world-class competition — Memmel herself just a year removed from an unlikely comeback in her early 30s — caught the attention of 2020 Olympic silver medalist Jordan Chiles.

"It is kind of cool having people who were just there doing the same thing that we did in this elite world," said Chiles, who is in the women's field this weekend. "It's kind of cool that they can connect to us in that way. So it is kind of exciting to see how they're going to work with us."

The 21-year-old Chiles joined the senior national team in 2017 as the scope of the Nassar scandal deepened and as USA Gymnastics began to try to plot a way forward, a path riddled by missteps as it went through multiple presidents and national team coordinators. While there is a general sense there has been incremental progress at the upper levels of the sport over the last five years, Chiles believes more work needs to be done.

"Having that ability to make our voices heard is where it needs to kind of change a little, I would have to say, because sometimes it can be hard," Chiles said.

Listening is one of Quinn's primary goals. She intends to meet with each athlete during national team camps to be both a sounding board and a guide.

"(I want to) to be able to see how they're doing physically and mentally and tell them where I think they're doing great, where I think they need to put some work in," she said. "And that way everybody kind of knows where they stand."

Where the women's program stands at the moment is at a bit of a crossroads. The easing of NCAA rules on name, image and likeness compensation has allowed Olympians like Chiles and floor exercise gold medalist Jade Carey to compete collegiately and at the elite level at the same time.

They'll also be getting a first-hand glimpse at the latest iteration of "change" in an organization that's seen plenty of it over the last five-plus years. Chiles is curious about what this latest shift will look like, to see if the metamorphosis goes deeper than a new logo and mission statement.

Like nearly everyone else associated with the sport, she's both skeptical and cautiously optimistic.

"I mean, obviously, I am going to be looking at what's new and what's different and how everything's just going to play out this weekend," Chiles said. "So we'll see how everything turns out."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Trojans set to win again under Riley

By Greg Beacham | Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — From Hollywood to the sports world, everybody loves a comeback story.

That's why Southern California's remarkable football rebirth is attracting so much attention. It's why a team that finished 4-8 last season and then added dozens of new players this summer is No. 14 in the AP Top 25 even before the Trojans have played a down under new head coach Lincoln Riley.

"You don't come to USC and you don't come to Los Angeles to do things small," Riley said. "You've got to set your sights big."



USC QB Caleb Williams followed coach Lincoln Riley from Oklahoma to USC. **MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP**

USC is a traditional college football powerhouse with the championship banners to prove it, and the Trojans are the West Coast's biggest, most compelling program when they're at their peak. But they haven't been there arguably since 2008, the year before Pete Carroll interrupted USC's renaissance by leaving for the Seahawks ahead of heavy NCAA sanctions.

The ensuing seasons have featured several high points, but they were submerged in losing, off-the-field turmoil and simmering frustration for the school's large, opinionated fan base. For the first time since Carroll departed, the Trojans appear to have everything in place to return to sustained contention for Pac-12 conference titles — albeit two seasons before changing conferences to the Big Ten — and national championships. The weight of USC's history doesn't yet hang heavily on Riley or his players. After more than a decade of false starts and detours, the Trojans are pointed forward again, with the school's vast financial resources and a football-friendly leadership structure determined to return them to prominence.

"I'm starting off new, and they're starting off new as well," said receiver Jordan Addison, who joined the Trojans after winning the Biletnikoff Award at Pitt last season. "If you actually think about it, I wouldn't say it's harder. I feel like it's easier, because we're all in the new stage, and we're all trying to prove ourselves."

Riley's arrival

Not many four-win programs can attract a coach who led his last school to three College Football Playoff appearances and coached two Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks, along with many other NFL players. The Trojans paid top dollar to lure Riley from Oklahoma, but the 38-year-old coach clearly was eager for a new professional challenge in a new environment as well.

Riley is off to a strong start in Los Angeles, getting love from USC's big base of prominent former players while charming boosters and educators alike — and even throwing out the first pitch at a Dodgers game. More importantly, players emerged from his spring practices and the first two weeks of training camp energized about their future.

New guys

Addison and ex-Oklahoma quarterback Caleb Williams are the headliners in the group of 24 veteran transfers from across the nation. The players were attracted to USC by the opportunity to do something big at a major school that's starting over. Riley's recruiting pitches repeatedly landed players who understand the chance they have in LA.

"They brought not only good players, but good guys in the locker room," offensive lineman Jonah Monheim said. "It's a lot easier to get closer to someone and work hard with someone when you know they're right there with you doing the same type of stuff."

Run it up

USC landed a deep array of skill-position talent, and the best way to make a huge one-season turnaround seems for Riley's offense to score a ton of points — particularly since the defense under coordinator Alex Grinch will need a season or two longer to build an elite talent base.

Williams has already made a splash in Los Angeles with both his leadership and his business acumen in landing NIL deals in the nation's second-largest media market. He will throw to Addison along with Oklahoma transfer Mario Williams, Washington transfer Terrell Bynum, Colorado transfer Brenden Rice and returning wideouts Gary Bryant, Kyle Ford and Tahj Washington. The running back room is also loaded, with Oregon transfer Travis Dye and Stanford transfer Austin Jones likely leading the way.

Schedule

Riley has a very manageable slate for his first season. The Trojans' only nonconference road trip is for its traditional rivalry game with Notre Dame, and USC doesn't have to play Oregon or Washington. A trip to defending Pac-12 champion Utah looms on Oct. 15, presenting a potential reality-check moment.

BUSINESS

Market ends week in red following string of gains

Rate hike uncertainty weighs on investors as tech stocks lead overall pullback

By Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street capped a choppy week of trading Friday with a broad slide for stocks that left the major indexes in the red for the week.

The S&P 500 closed 1.3% lower, breaking a four-week winning streak. Shares in more than 80% of the companies in the benchmark index fell, with technology stock driving much of the pullback.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite fell 2% and also ended four weeks of gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 0.9%, ending slightly in the red for the week. Small company stocks also lost ground, pulling the Russell 2000 index 2.2% lower.

Friday marked the heaviest selling for the market, including the S&P 500's biggest decline in more than seven weeks, after a solid run of weekly gains. The strong market rally in July and early August followed better-than-expected company earnings and signs that the economy is slowing, possibly setting the stage for less aggressive rate hikes, the Federal Reserve's main tool for taming surging inflation.

Minutes from the central bank's interest rate policy meeting last month and recent statements by Fed officials appeared to signal that the Fed may not be prepared to relent just yet from its pace of rate increases, said Quincy Krosby, chief equity strategist for LPL Financial.

"That put the market on notice that perhaps the market may have to contend with a Fed that continues to raise rates at a steady pace and perhaps does not pause and take its foot off the pedal," she said.

That gave traders "the perfect excuse to finally begin to burn off" some of the market's recent gains.

The S&P 500 fell 55.26 points to 4,227.48. It ended with a 1.2% loss for the week and is now down 11.3% so far this year.

The Dow dropped 292.30 points to 33,706.74, while the Nasdaq slid 260.13 points to 12,705.22. The Russell 2000 gave up 43.38 points to 1,957.35.

Technology stocks had some of the biggest losses and the sector's dip weighed heavily on the broader market. Retailers, banks and communications companies also fell sharply. Meme stock Bed Bath & Beyond sank 40.5% after high-profile activist investor Ryan Cohen confirmed that he's sold his stake in the company.

Cryptocurrencies fell broadly as Bitcoin slumped 8.5% to $21,370, according to CoinDesk.

Bright spots included Foot Locker, which soared 20% after replacing its CEO and reporting earnings that beat estimates.

Bond yields gained ground, reflecting expectations of further interest rate hikes. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.97% from 2.89% late Thursday.

Wall Street will be keenly watching next week's speech by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell at an annual conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

"The question is, does he engage the market with his assessment of the direction of inflation, the progress the Fed is making and offer any suggestion of the direction of rate hikes?" Krosby said.



The Dodge Charger Daytona SRT, a battery-powered concept car, is unveiled Wednesday in Pontiac, Michigan. **CARLOS OSORIO/AP**

Muscle-car era's final rides?

Electric models in the works to replace the gas-powered symbol of American culture

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — Thundering gas-powered muscle cars, for decades a fixture of American culture, will be closing in on their final Saturday-night cruises in the coming years as automakers begin replacing them with super-fast cars that run on batteries.

Stellantis' Dodge brand, long the performance flag-bearer of the company formerly known as Fiat Chrysler, is officially moving toward electricity. On Wednesday, Dodge unveiled a battery-powered Charger Daytona SRT concept car, which is close to one that will be produced in 2024 as the sun sets on some petroleum models.

Stellantis says it will stop making gasoline versions of the Dodge Challenger and Charger muscle cars and the Chrysler 300 large car by the end of next year. The Canadian factory that makes them will be converted to produce electric vehicles.

General Motors has said it will build an all-electric Chevrolet Corvette. Tesla says its Model S Plaid version is the fastest production vehicle made, able to go from zero to 60 mph in under 2 seconds. Audi, Mercedes, Porsche and other European automakers already have high-performance electric models on sale. And Polestar, an electric-performance spinoff from Volvo, just announced a new Polestar 6 roadster for 2026.

One reason for the industry shift is that electric vehicles are simply faster off the starting line. Their handling is typically better, too, because their heavy batteries create a low center of gravity.

Stricter government pollution requirements are another factor. As automakers in the U.S. face more stringent fuel-economy requirements adopted by the Biden administration and produce a broader range of EV vehicles, they will have to jettison some of their gas-fueled muscle-car models.

Tim Kuniskis, CEO of the Dodge brand, said the possibly of government fines for not meeting gas-mileage requirements hastened the shift to the electric Charger. "Compliance fines and things like that associated with a big cast-iron supercharged V8, yes, it's tough," he said.

Still, it will take a few years for the gas-powered classics to go away.

"Over the next several years, I think we'll continue to have some internal combustion stuff, probably through most of the decade," said Sam Abuelsamid, a research analyst at Guidehouse Insights. "But increasingly, the focus is going to be on the electric ones."

Under new gas-mileage standards unveiled in April, the fleet of new vehicles will have to average around 40 miles per gallon in 2026, up from 25.4 mpg now, the EPA says. The standards are likely to become even stronger in the future.

To many gearheads, the thought of a muscle car without noise and smells is heresy. But Kuniskis says Dodge is working hard to make the electric experience match internal combustion. The Charger, he said, will generate its own air flow to make an exhaust noise that rivals gas performance cars. And the transmission will shift gears.

When the electric Charger was driven through a garage door and entered a building this week in Pontiac, Michigan, it roared just like a gas muscle car.

Kuniskis says the shift to electricity doesn't mean the end of the muscle car. It's just a new era.

"It' s OK," he said. "Let us show you what the future looks like."

London's Tube strike follows railway walkout

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — A strike by London Underground workers brought the British capital's transit network to a grinding halt on Friday, a day after a nationwide walkout by railway staff.

Another rail strike is scheduled for Saturday as the U.K. endures a summer of action by workers demanding pay increases to offset soaring food and energy price hikes.

No subway trains were running on most of London's Tube lines because of the strike over jobs, pay and pensions by members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union, operator Transport for London said.

There was also continuing disruption aboveground as trains started to run again following Thursday's strike by thousands of railway cleaners, signalers, maintenance workers and other staff. Only about a fifth of trains ran during the 24-hour walkout, the latest in a series of strikes on Britain's railways.

"We're very sorry that people are inconvenienced," said RMT union General Secretary Mick Lynch. "We're ordinary men and women that want to do our jobs and provide a service, but when you're being cut to pieces by an employer, and by the government, you've got to make a stand."

Transit unions accuse Britain's Conservative government of preventing train companies — which are privately owned but heavily regulated — from making a better offer. The government denies meddling, but says rail companies need to cut costs and staffing after two years in which emergency government funding kept them afloat.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps told Times Radio that "it's a kick in the teeth" to the public for transit unions "to turn round after we provided 16 billion pounds of support for the railways and go 'Right, well, the next thing we're going to do is go on strike.'"

More public- and private-sector unions are planning strikes as Britain faces its worst cost-of-living crisis in decades.

Postal workers, lawyers, British Telecom staff and port workers have all announced walkouts scheduled for later this month.

UK's rise in energy bills may lead to health 'crisis'

By Sylvia Hui
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's public health leaders appealed to the government on Friday to urgently tackle soaring energy prices, warning that the steep rise in household bills will lead to more people falling sick and increase the number of annual deaths linked with cold homes.

In a letter to government officials, the National Health Service Confederation said surging costs mean many will have to choose between skipping meals to heat their homes or living in cold, damp conditions this winter.

The group's chief executive Matthew Taylor said health leaders took the step to make an "unprecedented intervention" and write to the government because the U.K. was "facing a humanitarian crisis" due to the public health risks linked to rising fuel costs.

The average U.K. household fuel bill has risen more than 50% so far in 2022 as Russia's war in Ukraine squeezes global oil and natural gas supplies. A further increase is due in October, when the average bill is forecast to hit $4,300 a year. Official figures this week showed that U.K. inflation hit a new 40-year high of 10.1% in July.

Taylor said inability to heat homes and afford food will "lead to outbreaks of illness and sickness around the country and widen health inequalities, worsen children's life chances, and leave an indelible scar on local communities."

He warned that this will compound pressure on hospitals and public health services, which are already under stress.

The government has faced widespread calls to freeze bills or help people with their finances, but ministers have said no action will be taken until the Conservative Party selects a new prime minister to replace Boris Johnson.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

GM to resume paying dividends

DETROIT — General Motors will reinstate quarterly dividend payments that were suspended during the pandemic that shut down its factories.

The automaker said Friday that the dividend of 9 cents per share will be paid Sept. 15 to shareholders of record on Aug. 31.

GM canceled its quarterly dividend in April 2020 as COVID-19 spread in the U.S.

The last time the Detroit automaker suspended dividend payments was in 2008 during the nation's worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

GM also announced that its going to start buying back shares again. The company board this week boosted its existing stock buyback program's capacity to $5 billion, from $3.3 billion.

Wayfair cutting 5% of workforce

Wayfair is cutting about 870 employees, or 5% of its global workforce, as part of a plan previously announced by the home goods company to manage operating costs and realign its investment priorities after the pandemic.

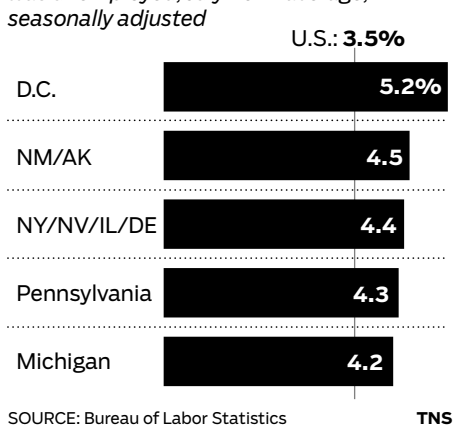
With millions sheltering at home in 2020, the Boston-based company reported 55% sales growth as families spent heavily to furnish their homes. Last year, as more people ventured out, sales at Wayfair declined 3.1%.

Wayfair Inc. expects costs related to the job cuts to run between $30 million and $40 million in the third quarter, mostly related to employee severance and benefits.

The company said it's also making substantial cuts to third-party labor costs.

States with the highest unemployment

Percentage of civilian labor force that was unemployed, July 2022 average, seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics TNS

BUSINESS



Home gardener Theresa Fiumano-Rhatigan of New York City relies on her parents and other family members to care for her garden when she's away for extended periods. **KERRY BUTTS**

Summer garden sitters can keep it green, share harvest

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The season has come when many home gardeners, their numbers booming since the pandemic began, are being rewarded with ready-to-pick vegetables and flowers. It's also vacation season, and summer travel is back.

How do you maintain your garden and take advantage of all that homegrown goodness during extended trips away?

Garden sitters are one answer.

Some home gardeners hire professionals, while many just rely on neighbors and hope for the best.

"It's really hard to leave the garden," said Theresa Fiumano-Rhatigan, a longtime home gardener in the Brooklyn borough of New York. She relies on her parents and other nearby relatives as garden sitters during her five weeks each summer in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Having an experienced sitter who isn't afraid to take control can help. Avoid a free-for-all of inexperienced neighbors and friends traipsing through to pick what they want with no care given to the plants and no idea when to water.

"The first thing is to find one friend with a garden you like and make sure you're willing to return the favor," said Adam Choper, associate director for outdoor gardens and sustainable horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx borough.

He suggests walking your garden sitter through the process beforehand to make sure things are done just right. Setting up sprinklers or soaker hoses will make things easier while you're away. For container gardens, group the containers together in the shade so your plants won't dry out as quickly if your vacation is just a week or two, Choper said. Some gardeners place containers in kiddie pools with water that a garden sitter need only fill up if necessary.

Choper also recommends putting down mulch before heading out for long periods. That helps the soil conserve water and keeps weeds at bay.

For gardeners without trusted neighbors or loved ones, garden sitters for hire are abundant on local online message boards or at nurseries and horticultural societies.

Rachel Mulkerin tends to about 3,000 square feet of garden space on her 9-acre property in Sherman, Connecticut, and has hired special-needs helpers she found through her mother, a former adult education teacher.

"It's a wildly mutually beneficial arrangement," she said.

Mulkerin uses about half of what she produces for herself and her family and gives away the rest to those in need in her community.

Gardeners, generally speaking, are sharers, and sharing vegetables while away not only produces more after picking, but also avoids rotting tomatoes and other crops. Some vegetables, such as cucumbers and zucchini, need to be picked so they don't grow into monsters that aren't as pleasant to eat.

A designated garden sitter can take what they want and leave the rest on a front porch or at the end of a driveway after putting out the word there's free fresh food available.

US oil, gas industry unlikely climate-measure beneficiary

By Matthew Brown and Michael Phillis
Associated Press



Oil drilling platforms are seen in Port Aransas, Texas. The Inflation Reduction Act actually opens up industry opportunities for new offshore drilling. **ERIC GAY/AP 2020**

BILLINGS, Mont. — The U.S. oil industry hit a legal roadblock in January when a judge struck down a $192 million oil and natural gas lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico over future global warming emissions from burning the fuels. It came at a pivotal time for Chevron, Exxon and other industry players: The Biden administration had curtailed opportunities for new offshore drilling, while raising climate change concerns.

The climate measure President Joe Biden signed Tuesday bypasses the administration's concerns about emissions and guarantees new drilling opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska. The legislation was crafted to secure backing from a top recipient of oil and gas donations, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and was shaped in part by industry lobbyists.

While the Inflation Reduction Act concentrates on clean energy incentives that could drastically reduce overall U.S. emissions, it also buoys oil and gas interests by mandating leasing of vast areas of public lands and off the nation's coasts. And it locks renewables and fossil fuels together: If the Biden administration wants solar and wind on public lands, it must offer new oil and gas leases first.

As a result, U.S. oil and gas production and emissions from burning fuels could keep growing, according to some industry analysts and climate experts. With domestic demand sliding, that means more fossil fuels exported to growing foreign markets, including from the Gulf, where pollution from oil and gas activity plagues many poor and minority communities.

To the industry, the new law signals Democrats are willing to work with them and to abandon the notion fossil fuels could soon be rendered obsolete, said Andrew Gillick of Enverus, an energy analytics company whose data is used by industry and government agencies.

"The folks that think oil and gas will be gone in 10 years may not be thinking through what this means," Gillick said. "Both supply and demand will increase over the next decade."

The result would be more planet-warming carbon dioxide — up to 110 million tons annually — from U.S.-produced oil and gas by 2030, with most coming from fuel burned after export, according to some economists and analysts. Others predict smaller increases.

The fossil fuel industry's ambitions are now directly linked to wind and solar development: The bill prohibits leasing of federal lands and waters for renewable energy unless the government has offered at least 2 million acres of public land and 60 million acres in federal waters for oil and gas leasing during the prior year. The law does not require leases to be sold, only offered for sale.

The measure's critics say that's holding renewables hostage unless the fossil fuel industry gets its way. Some accuse Biden and Democrats of abandoning pledges to confront the industry.

"It's 10 more years of mandatory leases," said Brett Hartl with the Center for Biological Diversity. "We will do our damnedest but it's hard to fight them all."

The leasing provisions mark a failure in efforts by environmentalists and social justice advocates to impose a nationwide leasing ban. The movement's high point came when Biden followed campaign pledges to end new drilling on federal lands with an order his first week in office suspending lease sales.

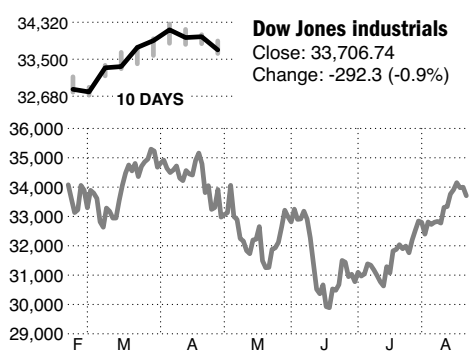
Republicans complained the administration still wasn't holding enough sales even after a federal judge blocked Biden's order. On Wednesday a federal appeals court struck down an injunction that had blocked the leasing suspension, but the impact could be minimal because of the new law's mandates.

A stream of potential drilling sites is crucial for companies to maintain future production because wells can take years to develop and some yield nothing, said Jim Noe, an industry lobbyist who worked with Senate staff on the climate bill's leasing provisions.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, August 20, 2022

DOW 33,706.74 -292.30 ▼
10-YR T-BOND 2.97% +.08 ▲
GOLD $1,747.60 -7.70 ▼



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 33,706.74
Change: -292.3 (-0.9%)

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	33,706.74	-292.30	-7.24%
DOW Trans.	14,771.75	-263.59	-10.36%
DOW Util.	1,056.06	-1.16	+7.68%
NYSE Comp.	15,588.32	-175.58	-9.18%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,705.21	-260.13	-18.79%
S&P 500	4,228.48	-55.26	-11.28%
S&P 400	2,578.06	-41.87	-9.29%
Wilshire 5000	42,177.29	-637.42	-12.97%
Russell 2000	1,957.35	-43.38	-12.83%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	90.77	90.50	+20.69%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	9.34	9.19	+150.29%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.02	3.03	+35.42%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,747.60	1,755.30	-4.37%
Silver (oz)	19.06	19.45	-18.30%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.1812	.8466
Canada	.7696	1.2993
China	.1467	6.8171
Euro	1.0034	.9966
Japan	.007304	136.91
Mexico	.049488	20.2071

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	5.50	5.50
3-mo. T-Bill	2.69	2.58
6-mo. T-Bill	3.13	3.10
5-yr T-Note	3.11	2.97
10-yr T-Note	2.97	2.83
30-yr T-Bond	3.21	3.11

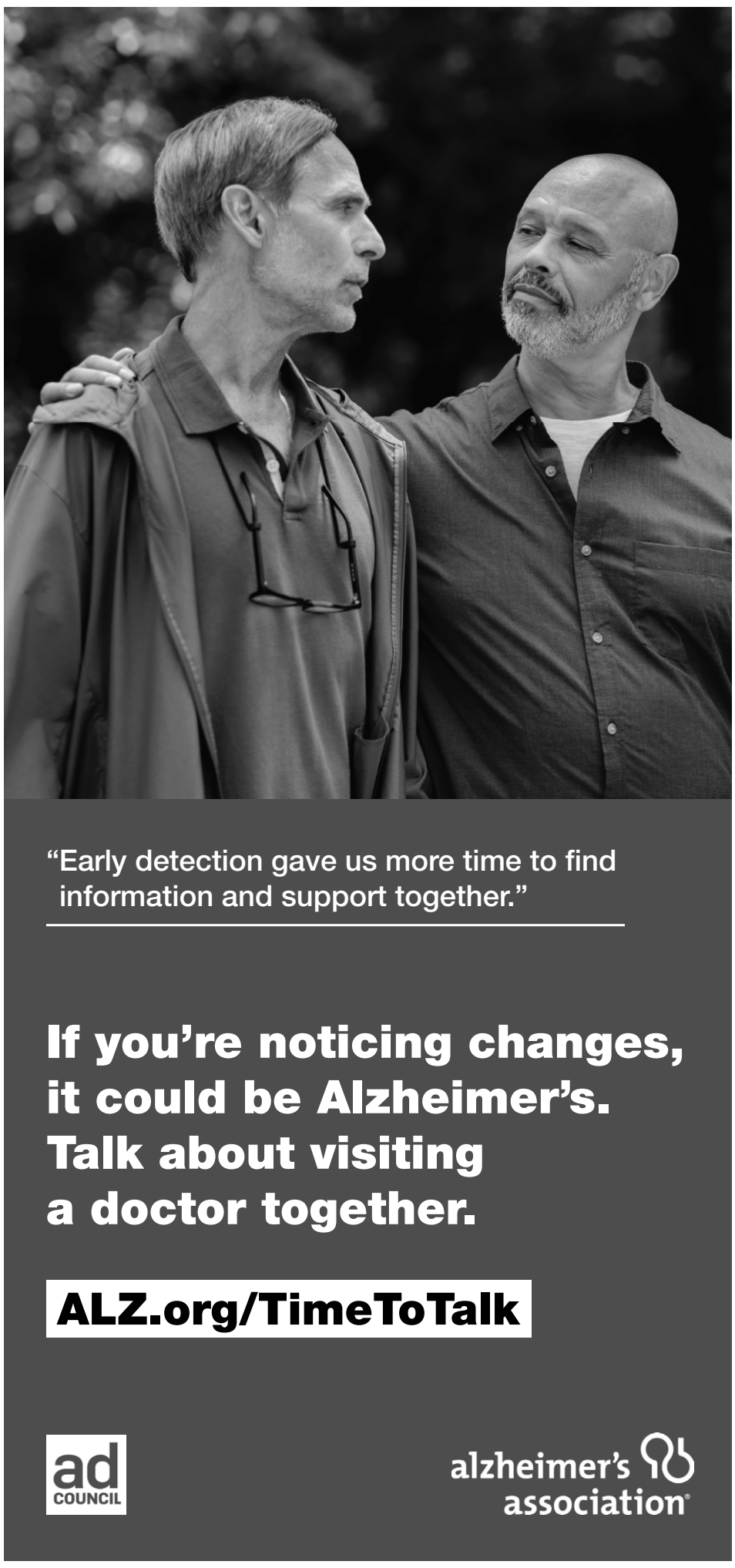
Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,544.52	-152.89	-1.12%	-14.73%
London	7,550.37	+8.52	+.11%	+2.25%
Hong Kong	19,773.03	+9.12	+.05%	-15.49%
Nikkei	28,930.33	-11.81	-.04%	+.48%

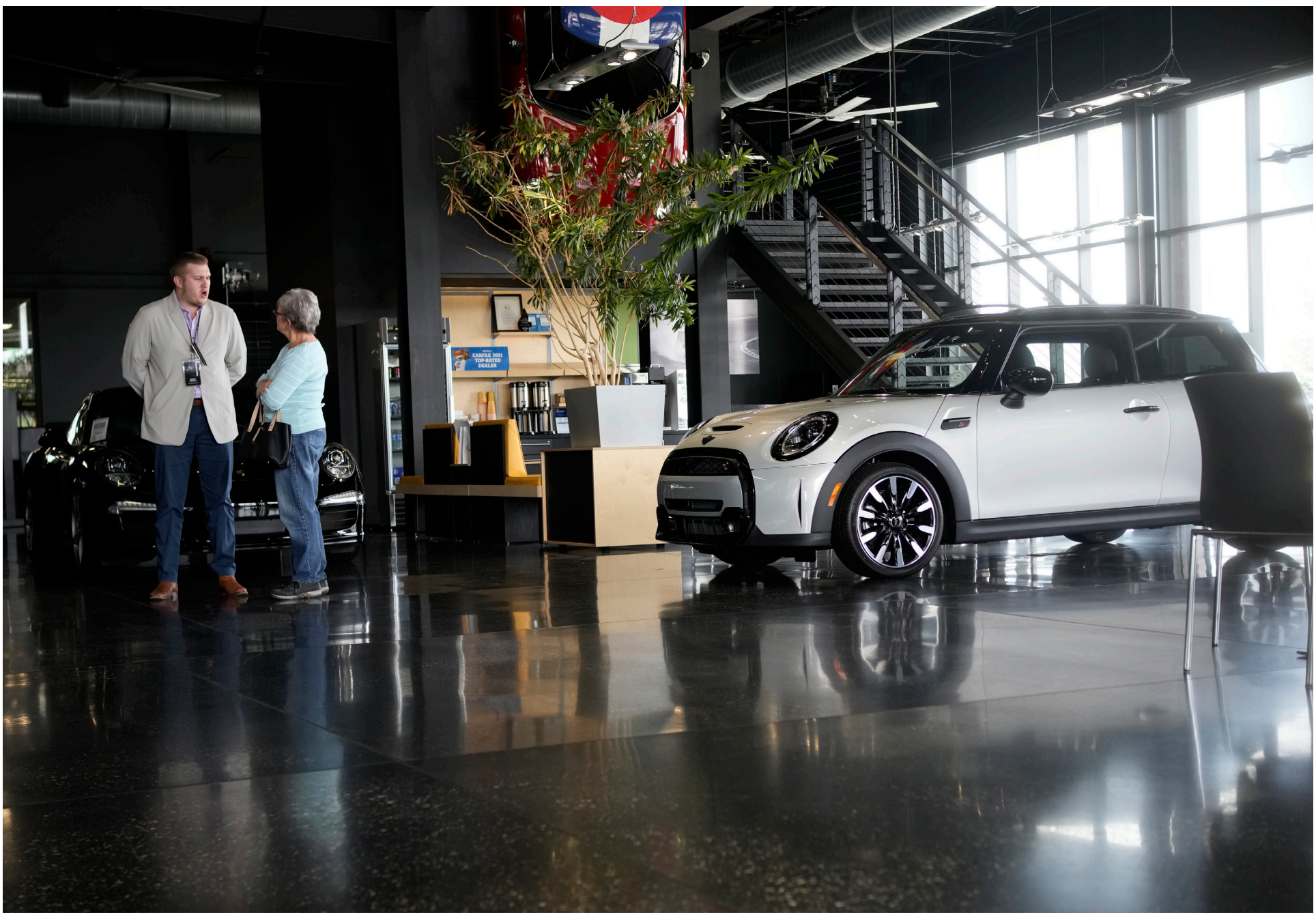
Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	18.02	-1.27	-33.8
AT&T Inc (T)	18.43	...	-25.1
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	95.95	-4.49	-33.3
Aeglea BioTherapeuti (AGLE)	.91	+.41	-80.8
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	138.23	-4.07	-17.1
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	14.17	-.67	-21.1
Amphenol Corp (APH)	79.21	-.93	-9.4
Apple Inc (AAPL)	171.52	-2.63	-3.4
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	50.95	-.35	+2.1
Avaya Holdings Corp (AVYA)	.73	+.07	-96.3
Bank of America (BAC)	35.48	-.80	-20.3
Barnes Group (B)	34.17	-1.09	-26.7
Bed Bath &Beynd (BBBY)	11.03	-7.52	-24.3
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2086.92	-57.81	-13.0
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	75.33	+1.18	+20.8
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	104.05	+.41	+.9
Carnival Corp (CCL)	9.87	-.58	-50.9
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	42.48	-1.82	-21.7
Charter Communic (CHTR)	454.46	-3.61	-30.3
Cigna Corp (CI)	292.98	+2.09	+27.6
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	38.68	+.07	-23.1
Disney (DIS)	120.14	-2.53	-22.4
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	121.60	-2.12	-4.5
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.40	-.01	-89.4
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.90	-.40	-1.5
Eversource Energy (ES)	93.63	-.33	+2.9
Foot Locker Inc (FL)	38.39	+6.41	-12.0
Ford Motor (F)	15.88	-.27	-23.5
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.26	-.38	-18.1
Gen Dynamics (GD)	241.67	-2.02	+15.9
Gen Electric (GE)	77.72	-1.49	-17.7
General Motors Co (GM)	39.70	+.98	-32.3
GigaCloud Technology (GCT)	48.01	+32.32	+206.0
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	2.85	-.40	-65.7
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	68.81	-.99	-.3
Honeywell Intl (HON)	201.56	-2.16	-3.3
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	13.02	-.21	-18.2
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.78	-.19	-21.8
Intel Corp (INTC)	35.38	-.82	-31.3
Kaman (KAMN)	33.70	-1.03	-21.9
Keycorp (KEY)	19.30	-.34	-16.6
Kinross Gold (KGC)	3.52	+.03	-39.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	49.47	-1.40	-27.5
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	16.75	-1.48	-56.0
M&T Bank (MTB)	188.82	-2.36	+22.9

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	34.73	-.89	-22.6
Meta Platforms Inc (META)	167.96	-6.70	-50.1
MetLife Inc (MET)	67.39	-.62	+7.8
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.75	-.05	-85.6
Novartis AG (NVS)	85.76	+.84	-2.0
Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.65	-.39	-50.4
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	178.49	-9.24	-39.3
Occid Petl (OXY)	71.29	+6.41	+145.9
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	79.41	-1.00	-8.8
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	8.51	-.64	-53.3
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.15	+.57	-16.8
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.33	-.13	-49.8
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	103.40	-2.02	-4.5
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	69.40	+.01	+4.0
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	93.40	-1.31	+8.5
Rogers Corp (ROG)	266.18	-3.17	-2.5
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	61.07	-.49	-25.5
Shopify Inc (SHOP)	34.20	-2.66	...
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	11.56	-1.00	-75.4
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	6.33	-.35	-60.0
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.44	-.15	+59.7
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	98.99	-3.48	-47.5
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.63	-.28	-2.8
StoneCo Ltd (STNE)	9.06	-2.60	-46.3
Terex Corp (TEX)	36.61	-.30	-16.7
Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	3.74	-.29	-46.8
Travelers Cos (TRV)	172.64	-1.47	+10.4
T2 Biosystems (TTOO)	.13	-.02	-74.4
Uber Technologies (UBER)	29.01	-1.14	-30.8
United Rentals (URI)	316.69	-6.54	-4.7
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	548.32	+3.10	+9.2
Vinco Ventures Inc (BBIG)	1.16	-.29	-28.4
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	211.40	-7.88	-28.8
VistaGen Therap (VTGN)	.22	-.01	-89.0
Volcon Inc (VLCN)	2.42	+.58	-77.6
Voya Financial (VOYA)	65.04	-.20	-1.9
Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	13.73	+.54	-44.4
Webster Financial (WBS)	49.10	-.78	-12.1
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1305.13	+5.95	+28.7
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	70.89	+.23	+43.7
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	56.00	-2.44	-27.7
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	18.58	-.41	-17.9



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A prospective buyer chats with a sales associate as a 2022 Cooper S hardtop sits on the otherwise empty showroom floor May 6 in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP PHOTOS**

Navigating price hikes

Edmunds experts offer tips on how to mitigate or avoid markups at the dealership

By Ronald Montoya
Associated Press



Sold 2023 Countryman vehicles sit in a bay awaiting delivery to customers July 7 at the Highlands Ranch Mini dealership.

Throughout 2022, new-car shoppers have been paying an average of about $700 over the manufacturer's suggested retail price, according to Edmunds data. Those in the market for a new vehicle today may experience sticker shock after seeing a dealership has priced the vehicle they want well over MSRP.

Dealerships have leverage to set prices by way of added accessories and price increases. These so-called market adjustments and, by extension, dealer-added accessories on new cars were once reserved for highly anticipated vehicles or limited-edition models. But now they are commonplace and part of the cost of doing business in today's market of low inventory and inflated prices.

Edmunds experts reveal what you can expect from dealerships for the remainder of 2022 and offer tips on getting the best deal.

What are markups?

You'll find these markups on the windows of new vehicles on a dealer lot or, in rare cases, on the dealership's website. You'll want to look for a rectangular sheet of paper, often posted near a new car's official window sticker or sometimes on the windshield. It is formally called an addendum or supplemental window sticker. The addendum will contain a number of dealer-installed accessories, a market adjustment, or a combination of the two.

While it isn't an official factory sticker, that doesn't mean that you can ask the dealer to make the fees go away. What makes things challenging for a shopper today is that if you don't want to pay for those items, the dealership will happily wait for the next customer who will.

Market adjustments

A market adjustment or markup is essentially a fee that the dealership devised to reflect a situation of low supply and high demand. It can range from a few thousand dollars on commonplace vehicles and upward of $50,000 on high-end or limited-production vehicles.

Dealer-installed accessories

Common add-ons can include anti-theft devices with a cost of about $800 to $1,500, door edge guards that can range from $400 to $800, and nitrogen-filled tires that can range from $90 to upward of $700 if included with a warranty. When combined, these items can add thousands to the price of a new car.

For those who aren't interested in these extras, it isn't as easy as asking to have them removed since they've already been installed. For instance, you can't remove a ceramic paint coating once it has been sprayed onto the vehicle. The deal gets more complicated because you're now negotiating on multiple fronts: the accessories, the price of the car and perhaps your trade-in as well.

Tips for dealing with add-ons or markups

Verify the price hikes: If you've identified a car you're interested in, call ahead of time and ask if it has a markup or is equipped with any dealer add-ons. If it is, find out specifically what the items are and how much they cost.

Cast a wider net: Not all dealerships will subscribe to this "market adjustment" philosophy. Your goal is to find those dealers and shop with them. You might have to cast your net wider to a dealership out of town or in the next county. To find them, try searching online with terms such as "no markup (brand) dealers in (city or state)," or "dealers over MSRP in (city or state)." Look for forum threads where people are discussing this topic.

If you want the accessories: There is some value to many of the added items, the convenience of them being installed already, and the ability to fold the cost into your car loan. But it is important to note that you will likely be paying more — the dealership has likely marked up the price of the accessories 40%-50% over what it paid for them.

Feel free to negotiate: Dealers don't always expect people to pay the full markup, so if the vehicle you really want has a market adjustment, try offering half of its cost. The dealer may counter, but this can be a win-win for both parties — you might save thousands of dollars and the dealership still sells the vehicle for above MSRP.

Order the car: This option takes patience and planning, but in most cases, a factory-ordered vehicle will not likely have been marked up. You can get the exact car you want at MSRP provided you're willing to wait. If a dealership insists on adding accessories to a factory-ordered vehicle, we suggest shopping elsewhere.

Edmunds says: At a time when vehicles are scarce, dealerships want to maximize the profit on each unit given that the margins are already low on new cars. While market adjustments and added items can be frustrating and expensive to consumers, they are within a dealership's rights. After all, the "S" in MSRP stands for "suggested."

For 6th year in a row, car troubles top annual list of consumer complaints

By Patricia Sabatini
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Complaints ranging from deceptive practices and mechanical defects to shoddy repairs and title issues propelled auto sales and repairs to the No. 1 type of complaint fielded by state and local consumer protection agencies again last year, according to an annual survey by the Consumer Federation of America. It was the sixth year in a row that auto sales and repairs ended up as the top consumer complaint.

One common complaint involves what is known as yo-yo sales. In yo-yo scams, the dealer pretends the sale has been finalized and accepts a down payment, but hasn't actually obtained a commitment for financing. Days later, the dealer pressures the buyer to accept more expensive financing terms.

Victims on average end up with an interest rate that is five percentage points higher than the initial loan, according to Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety.

Some red flags include being asked to sign a contract with some fields left blank, an unclear interest rate or being able to drive away with the vehicle without a contract.

The consumer federation offered some tips to help consumers:

- Get your own financing before going to the dealership. Prevent the dealer from sneaking in extra fees by showing up with a pre-approval or check from your own local lender.
- Have a mechanic inspect the vehicle before buying. Pay your own mechanic for an honest opinion about whether the car is in good condition and safe to drive.
- Have the dealership provide a Vehicle Identification Number so you can check the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's website for open recalls.



Complaints about auto repair remain the No. 1 type of complaint to consumer protection agencies. **DREAMSTIME**

Best Chromebook deals for students

CNET.com

Chromebooks have become standard equipment in most U.S. schools, with many school districts now providing them to students. But the district-provided Chromebooks are usually smaller, underpowered models with limited utility.

There's only so much you can do on an 11.6-inch display powered by an outdated CPU. Larger Chromebooks with displays in the 12.2-inch to 15.6-inch range and more modern processors are still very affordable. Comparable Windows laptops and MacBooks come with a higher price.

And Chromebooks are easy to use, designed with kids in mind and made to be ready to go from the minute they come out of the box. The Chrome OS software comes preinstalled and is streamlined for user comfort.

With the start of the 2022-23 school year kicking off soon if not already, we've gone through and collected a list of the best deals on Chromebooks, with prices starting right around $300.

Many factors were considered in the compilation of this list, such as cloud storage, battery life, display size, keyboard quality, ease of web browsing, and whether it includes a headphone jack for music or lecture listening and classroom participation.

If you want to snag a good deal on the best Chromebooks for the students in your life, check out three of CNET's top picks below. And for the complete list of our picks, go to CNET.com for the full article.

The Lenovo Chromebook Flex 5 features a 13.3-inch touchscreen. **JOSH GOLDMAN/CNET**

FOR CORE I3 POWER: LENOVO CHROMEBOOK FLEX 5

The highlight of this Lenovo two-in-one Chromebook is its 10th-gen Intel Core i3 CPU, which is common to many budget Windows laptops and has more than enough oomph to power the lightweight Chrome OS.

The Flex 5 features a 13.3-inch touchscreen with a 1920x1080-pixel resolution. It offers pen support, but you need to buy a stylus separately.



The Samsung Chromebook Plus V2 touchscreen can rotate 360 degrees into tablet mode. **SARAH TEW/CNET**

FOR A TABLET, TOO: SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK PLUS V2

This Samsung Chromebook has a smaller display at 12.2 inches than the other models here, but the touchscreen can rotate 360 degrees into tablet mode so you can play Android games — once homework is done, of course.

The display boasts a sharp 1920x1200-pixel resolution and pen support for the included stylus. Inside, the system features an Intel Celeron processor, 4GB of RAM and 64GB of storage.



The Acer Chromebook Spin 514 boasts a slim and durable all-metal body. **SARAH TEW/CNET**

FOR MIDSIZE TWO-IN-ONE: ACER CHROMEBOOK SPIN 514

Acer's midrange convertible Chromebook, the 14-inch Spin 514, boasts a slim and durable all-metal body and features an AMD Ryzen 3 processor.

It's a good middle ground between smaller, 11.6-inch models that might cramp your computing style and larger, 15.6-inch models that you might not want to lug across campus each day. This AMD-based model is on sale right now at Best Buy, but you should know that an Intel model is expected soon that will feature the latest Wi-Fi 6 standard, better video-conferencing capabilities and a more compact enclosure.



The 2023 Toyota Sequoia is a gas-electric hybrid. **TOYOTA**

AUTO REVIEW

2023 Toyota Sequoia benefits from the Tundra's best assets

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

It's been 14 years since Toyota offered a new Toyota Sequoia. Given its long life with little change, you can be forgiven if you forgot the model even existed. But with the Land Cruiser leaving the American market, the Sequoia now takes on its role as Toyota's largest and most capable SUV in its U.S. lineup.

Thankfully, it's been completely redesigned for 2023, and as before, its mechanicals are borrowed from the full-size Toyota Tundra pickup. Of course, the Sequoia's lack of change resulted from the Tundra's lack of change, being as they share mechanicals. Once a new Tundra debuted, it was only a matter of time until a new Sequoia arrived.

Given that Toyota had nearly a decade-and-a-half to come up with the next one, you'd be right in assuming that they were going to do something different for the new model, and they have. The 2023 Toyota Sequoia is a gas-electric hybrid, one of four hybrid-only models now sold by Toyota.

It uses the same iForce Max hybrid powertrain that's used in the Tundra: a 3.5-liter twin-turbo V-6 paired with an electric motor and 10-speed automatic transmission.

2023 Toyota Sequoia

Base price: $58,300
Engine: 3.5-liter twin turbocharged six-cylinder gas/electric hybrid
Horsepower/Torque: 437/583 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 19 /22 mpg (AWD); 21 /24 (RWD)
Length/Width/Height: 208.1/79.6/77.7inches
Ground clearance: 8.4-9.1 inches
Payload: 1,375-1,730
Cargo capacity: 11.5-86.9 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 9,520 pounds

It wears a face that takes its cues from the Tundra pickup, lending it a far more modern appearance than the previous model. But you'll notice detail differences among the different trim levels, which start with the entry-level SR5 and ascend through Limited, Platinum, TRD Pro and Capstone.

Load the Sequoia's three rows and there's less than 12 cubic feet of cargo space. Then there's the second row, which gets less than 40 inches of legroom; it just feels tight for such a big vehicle. You'll also find headroom to be tight as well. Thoughtfully, the third row slides fore or aft by up to 6 inches to give you flexibility for carrying people or cargo.

As is common, to trim levels are very opulent for a mainstream vehicle, with the capstone benefiting from semi-aniline leather with contrast stitching, American walnut veneer and heated and ventilated front and rear seats. The truck's generous width allows for a wide center console with plenty of space for any number of items. Toyota's new infotainment interface, designed in America, boasts a clear, logical design that's a refreshing change from its previously cumbersome design.

When you hit the road, you'll find that the Sequoia is really, really wide, although it's no different in this regard from its domestic competitors. But the Sequoia's light steering makes herding it into a lane a constant chore. In contrast, the engine proves to be a pleasant surprise here.

The 2023 Toyota Sequoia is a huge improvement from the outgoing model, although it's not at the head of its class. Still, it's good enough to meet most Toyota buyers' expectations.

Follow the owner's manual



Bob Weber
Motormouth

Q: You recently advised to follow the owner's manual in choosing a grade of gas. Does that advice still hold if the manual says regular is fine but, for reasons long forgotten, the owner has been pumping nothing but mid-grade over the car's entire 17-year life? If it matters, the car is an RX330 with about 120,000 miles.
— W. K., Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
A: The only harm you have done is to your wallet.

Q: Since my 2016 Ford Explorer had a recall performed for the high-speed cooling fan motor relay, the fan turns on very loudly every (approximately) 30 seconds at idle when the A/C is on. It is so loud that I turn off the A/C at idle if I want to talk to someone at a drive-thru. I went back to the Ford dealership and the service adviser listened to it run and told me that this is normal when it's hot out. Is this how the vehicle should have performed and sounded all along?
— J.S., Woodstock, Illinois
A: For the first six years you owned the vehicle, did the fan make that racket? If it didn't come from the factory with that noise, it should not make that noise now. I have to wonder if they changed the fan along with the relay. A fan with the wrong blade pitch could be the culprit.

Q: We have a 2022 Tesla Model X. We have an electric gate opener at our ranch, but we cannot program the Tesla to open it. We had no problem programming the car for our garage door opener. We followed the owner's manual instructions, but no luck. Is there some way to do this?
— J.H., Madera, California



Follow the owner's manual on choosing a grade of gas, or you might be wasting your money. **OLIVIER DOULIERY/GETTY-AFP**

A: Many gate openers use a receiver with dip switches to set their codes. If you have used a hand-held opener in the past, you may have to continue using it. Otherwise, you may have to upgrade the gate opener itself.

Q: I have a 2011 Chevy pickup with standard issue 17-inch tires/wheels. I need new tires. I'm thinking about going up to 18-inch with new wheels too. What does this do to gas mileage? Does it increase or decrease? The manufacturer listed 18, 19, 20 sizes when I purchased it.
— B.M., Deep River, Connecticut
A: You can go with 18-inch wheels and tires, known as a plus one upgrade. But the overall diameter must be the same as your original wheels and tires. Otherwise, your speedometer will report the wrong speed. The wrong diameter will affect the anti-lock brake system and possibly the stability control system. To avoid these issues, you need tires with a lower profile. Plus-one or plus-two tires may improve the look of your truck, but will do nothing for your fuel economy.

Q: My garage has a device to drive over to check alignment. Is this measurement accurate? If so, when shown the printout, what are the specs that I need to know to verify that an alignment is necessary?
— B.H., Center Valley, Pennsylvania
A: The measurements from the alignment device are accurate and can be trusted. If a problem is detected, the shop's alignment technician will show you results of your car's test as well as the specifications for proper alignment. If the readings are within the range, you are good to go.

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From news services

Mariah Carey's annual push to take over Christmas came early this year.

Carey's song "All I Want for Christmas Is You" skyrockets to the top of the charts each year. Now, she wants to trademark the term "Queen of Christmas," and that isn't sitting well with other singers.

Last March, Carey officially filed a trademark bid for "Queen of Christmas," which was made public on July 12. According to the application filed with the U.S. Trademark Office, the trademark would cover a substantial range of products, including fragrances, lotions, nail polish, jewelry, cups, mugs, sweatshirts, food and drink, ornaments — and music.

Last week, singer Elizabeth Chan officially filed a declaration of opposition to Carey's trademark claim. Speaking with Variety, she said, "Christmas has come way before any of us on earth, and hopefully will be around way after any of us on earth."

Chan has built a career on Christmas music and released an album titled "The Queen of Christmas" in September 2021. The singer said she feels strongly that nobody should "monopolize" anything about Christmas.

"And it's not just about the music business," Chan said, noting the breadth of Carey's application. "If you knit a 'queen of Christmas' sweater, you should be able to sell it on Etsy to somebody else so they can buy it for their grandma."

The story then caught the ear of Darlene Love, who became indignant at the possibility that she could no longer call herself the "Queen of Christmas."

"Is it true that Mariah Carey trade marked 'Queen of Christmas'?" Love recently wrote on Facebook. "What does that mean that I can't use that title? David Letterman officially declared me the Queen of Christmas 29 years ago, a year before she released 'All I want For Christmas Is You' and at 81 years of age I'm NOT changing anything."



Mariah Carey, seen June 26, filed a trademark bid for the term "Queen of Christmas" in March. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

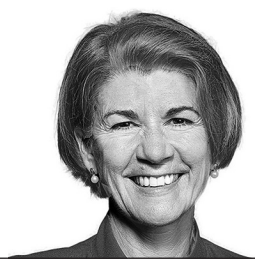
Actor Brendon OK after heart issue: Nicholas Brendon, best known for playing the titular heroine's pal Xander in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," was hospitalized after suffering another cardiac incident, according to his sister.

The actor, 51, was rushed to a hospital about two weeks ago because of tachycardia, a condition that makes the heart beat abnormally fast, his sister wrote recently on the actor's Instagram account. "Nicky sends his love ... is doing fine now," she wrote.

The post also said that the actor had a similar health scare after he had a second spinal surgery last year to manage cauda equina syndrome, a rare condition in which the nerve bundles in the lumbar or sacral spine are compressed or not functioning properly.

Bledel, Kartheiser file for divorce: "Gilmore Girls" star Alexis Bledel and "Mad Men" star Vincent Kartheiser are ending their eight-year marriage after the latter filed for divorce in New York last week, according to court documents. The couple met in 2011 and wed in 2014. They welcomed a son in 2015.

Aug. 20 birthdays: Journalist Connie Chung is 76. Actor Ray Wise is 75. Singer Robert Plant is 74. Singer Rudy Gatlin is 70. Singer John Hiatt is 70. Weathercaster Al Roker is 68. Actor Billy Gardell is 53. Actor Jonathan Ke Quan is 51. Actor Meghan Ory is 40. Actor Andrew Garfield is 39. Singer Demi Lovato is 30.



ASK AMY

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Beach sand has slipped through hourglass

Dear Amy: When my parents divorced a few decades ago, they understandably stopped organizing family beach vacations.

As soon as I started making a little money (in my 20s), I stepped in and began pulling the vacation together. I was also footing the bill for my siblings and our children.

It was important to me that we all get together at the shore once a year, and I continued to do this for about 30 years, paying between $2,500 and $10,000 a summer — without asking for any help.

This summer, both of my children are in college and my budget priority is tuition. This spring I let folks know I wasn't going to be able to handle the family beach vacation.

I shared the rental catalogs and budgets with members of the family so they could handle the details if they wanted to.

There won't be a beach vacation this year because no one stepped up.

While I'm sad not to have time in the sand, I have exactly zero guilt over this.

The problem is that there seems to be some resentment that I wasn't able to do the planning and that it was out of my budget to even share expenses this year.

What do you think I can say to my family?

— *Vacation Buzzkill*

Dear Buzzkill: Sincere congratulations on providing summers at the shore for your family for an impressive 30 years.

Congratulations, too, on your "zero guilt" stance. Zero guilt over your choice is the surest sign that you were doing the right thing (for you and others) over the years, and that you are doing the right thing now.

Sibling groups are something like ocean liners — changing direction extremely slowly and occasionally causing a little nausea when someone rocks the boat.

Of course there is some residual resentment as you take this annual gift away! The resentment stems from the fact that they don't want to take on this annual financial and organizational burden. They also don't like this "guilt-free" business. How dare you?!

There is some likelihood that after a year off, one of your siblings might pick up the slack for next year. Or perhaps one of the younger generation will choose to do as you did all those years ago. (Wouldn't that be great?!)

You are saying the right things. You might also add: "I was so happy to be able to do this for such a long time. It was my pleasure. I hope someone else will choose to step up. But if not, we had a good run."

Dear Amy: I attended a memorial for a relative and was surprised to see an elderly man there wearing a T-shirt and sweatpants.

I did speak with the man, and he made it clear that he knew about the service ahead of time, so it wasn't as if he just found out and showed up at the last minute.

He decided that this was what he was going to wear to a memorial service?

What is your opinion about someone attending a wake dressed like this?

— *Anonymous*

Dear Anonymous: I agree with you that sweatpants and T-shirts are not "appropriate" for a memorial service.

My opinion is that this elderly individual might not have been able to manage getting dressed more appropriately. Some people cannot manage buttons and zippers.

Some people don't have any dress clothes.

The kindest reaction is to look past what this man was wearing, and appreciate the fact that he showed up.

Dear Amy: "Expecting in AZ" didn't know how to react to her in-laws' demands to be present for the birth of her first child.

I 100 percent agree with your answer.

As a retired OB labor and delivery nurse who also taught birthing classes, I cannot stress enough how important it is for the new family to bond with each other. The prospective mother has the right to determine who she wants with her for the delivery.

As I stressed in my classes, 20 people were not there when the baby was made and so they do not need to be there when the birth occurs.

Give the new parents time and space until they are ready to introduce their new little one.

— *Been There*

Dear Been There: It can be extremely challenging for expectant parents to advocate for themselves.

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Brandy starred in "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella," a film that first aired in 1997. ABC

Cast of 'Cinderella' reuniting for landmark film's 25th anniversary

By Karu F. Daniels
New York Daily News

Just like magic, Walt Disney Television's production of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" is turning 25 years old this year.

And to celebrate the landmark TV movie's milestone, members of the original, star-studded cast will come together to celebrate with a television special.

Brandy, Whoopi Goldberg, Paolo Montalban, Victor Garber, Bernadette Peters, Jason Alexander and Veanne Cox will convene for "Cinderella: The Reunion, A Special Edition of 20/20," scheduled to air Aug. 23 on ABC.

The original film, which hasn't aired on broadcast television in more than two decades, will follow the special.

According to the network, the program "dives into the film's positive impact on representation in Hollywood" and features exclusive interviews, as well as behind-the-scenes moments with late pop music icon Whitney Houston — who portrayed the Fairy Godmother.

"We're delighted that the 25th anniversary of this landmark incarnation of 'Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella' is being celebrated on its original network," said Imogen Lloyd Webber of Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization in the recent announcement. "Rodgers & Hammerstein's unforgettable score is truly timeless — still enchanting listeners 80 years after their partnership began and 65 years since their 'Cinderella' first charmed the largest audience in television history."

The hourlong special will also feature Billy Porter, Jade Jones and Todrick Hall, who will offer insight on how the colorblind-casted film helmed by Robert Iscove affected their lives.

The Emmy-, Grammy- and Tony-winning Porter portrayed gender-neutral fairy godmother Fabulous Godmother in Amazon Prime Video's recent re-imagining of "Cinderella." Hall, who rose to fame on "American Idol," is a "Cinderella" super fan who has produced several modern adaptations of the story on YouTube. Jones plays Belle in the off-Broadway tour of "Beauty and the Beast."

When it premiered on Nov. 2, 1997, the film became a cultural touchstone for championing diversity with singer-songwriter Brandy cast as the first Black princess in Disney history. More than 60 million viewers tuned into the ABC broadcast of the fairy-tale adaptation, which garnered critical acclaim and seven Emmy nominations the next year.

After taking its time to show up on streaming services, the tour de force finally debuted on Disney+ in February 2021 after a new wave of fan engagement.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Your personal stories may be especially powerful today. You've got an extra push motivating you to say what's on your mind. Explaining where your sensitivities come from has the potential to heal an unresolved dispute.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A shopping spree could be a risk at the moment. You're currently attuned to what would make your home look good, so that might be a good possibility for spending if you can't stop yourself. However, other forces might be motivating you. No purchase, no matter how exciting, can heal all wounds.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Strength could be a literal concern for you today. You might have the energy needed to get a strong start on a new exercise program or the boldness to change your look in some way. Make your body your own, and let that conscious choice inspire you to take better care of it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your secrets could take on a life of their own. While it might be hard to handle complicated feelings from long ago, try not to release your anger on people around you. Authority figures in your life are different from those who hurt you, so look honestly at what's changed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You can build the social network you've always wanted now. Introduce yourself to friends of friends and random strangers who inspire your curiosity. You're likely to present yourself in a charming way, so there's no need to worry about coming across awkwardly.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The alliances you make behind the scenes can propel you toward your goals now. That said, being careful to give credit where it's due could help you get the most out of this opportunity. While some of your allies might prefer to keep a low profile, give them as much appreciation as they're comfortable with.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Knowing what you believe can help you find your people now. You may lack patience for anyone who doesn't see significant issues the same way you do. Others who admire your take are likely to gravitate your way. Think of what you'll receive, not just what you could lose.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your investigative instincts could kick into high gear today. To minimize trouble, you're better off going into a fact-finding mission with a clear sense of what you hope to achieve. Digging for the sake of digging could spiral out of control, so don't work any harder than you need to.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your close relationships could be intense at the moment. You might feel like the people in your life are pushing you in a direction you don't want to go. When you can present a competing view, it's possible to negotiate a compromise that works for everyone.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Taking care of business and working overtime may be hard to resist. There's no shame in accepting any help you receive, though. Collaborating closely with someone you trust could strengthen your relationship and bring more satisfying results than you'd achieve on your own.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're playing to win at the moment. While this could be entertaining in the context of a close relationship where both parties are fully in on the joke, choose your audience carefully. Some of the people around you may not be in the mood for it, so back down if you're bothering them.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Getting your home just how you want it may take some effort now. Attention to beauty in the smaller things could also make a significant difference in your experience. Use your powers of perception to identify what most needs fixing rather than buying new.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 20, 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

In 1882, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" had its premiere in Moscow.

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky was assassinated in Coyoacan, Mexico, by Ramon Mercader. (Trotsky died the next day.)

In 1953, the Soviet Union publicly acknowledged it had tested a hydrogen bomb.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly $1 billion anti-poverty measure.

In 2020, accepting the Democratic presidential nomination, Joe Biden vowed to move the nation past the chaos of Donald Trump's tenure; capping a virtual convention amid the pandemic, Biden spoke to a largely empty arena in Delaware.

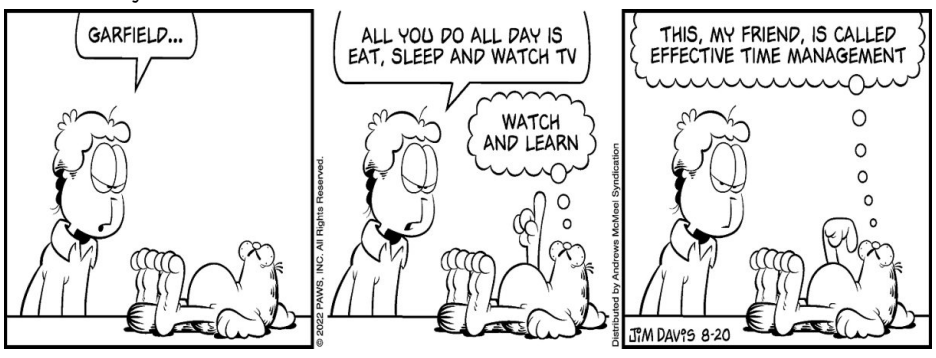
Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



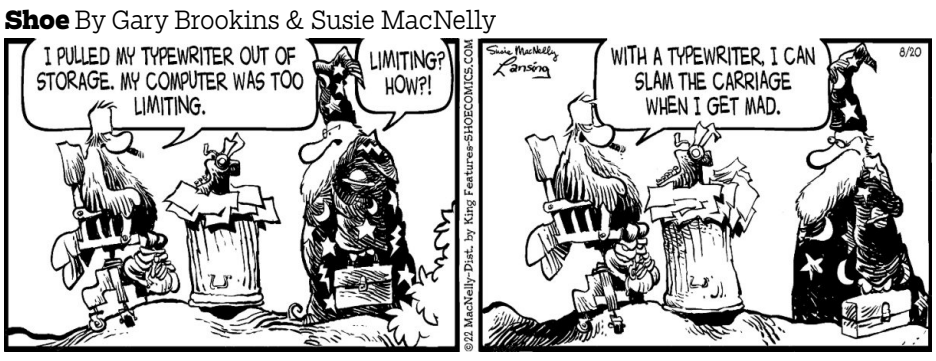
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Garfield By Jim Davis



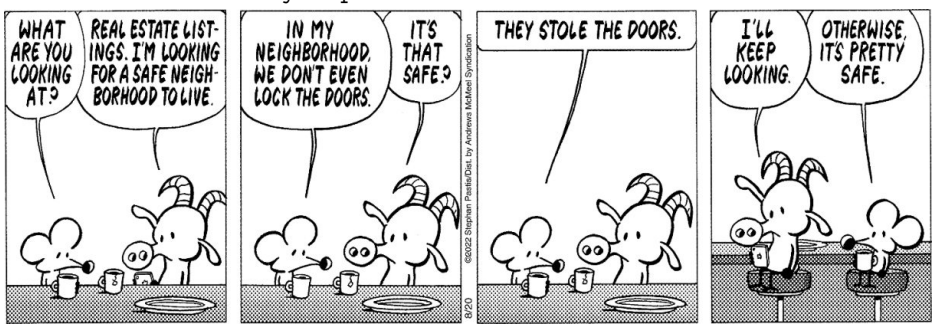
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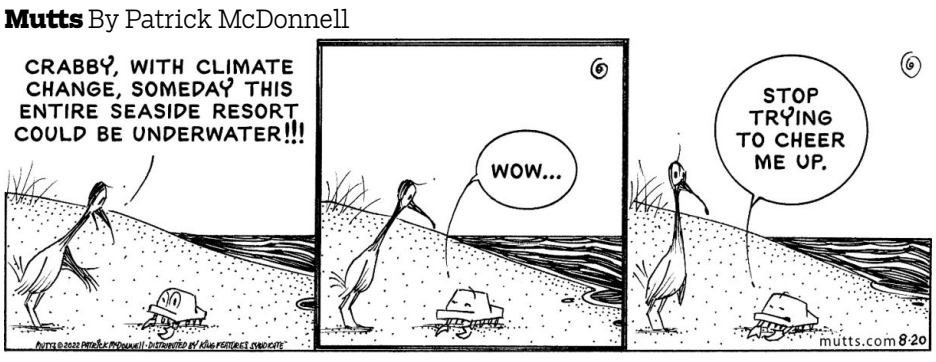
Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



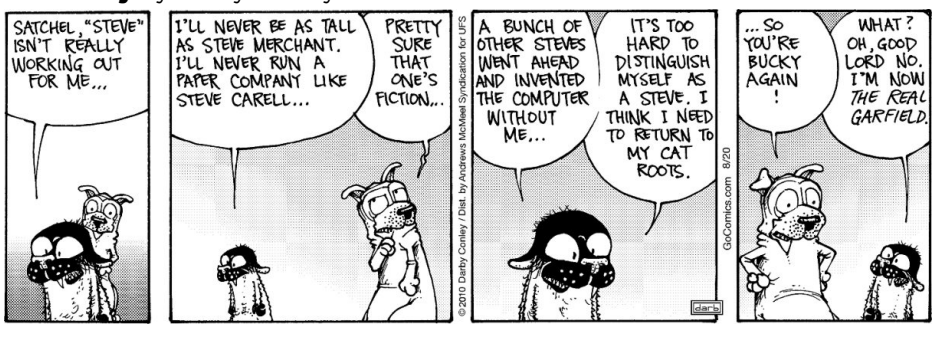
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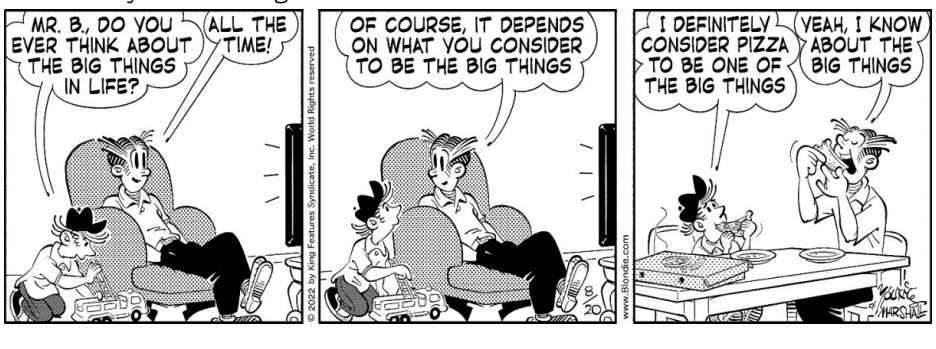
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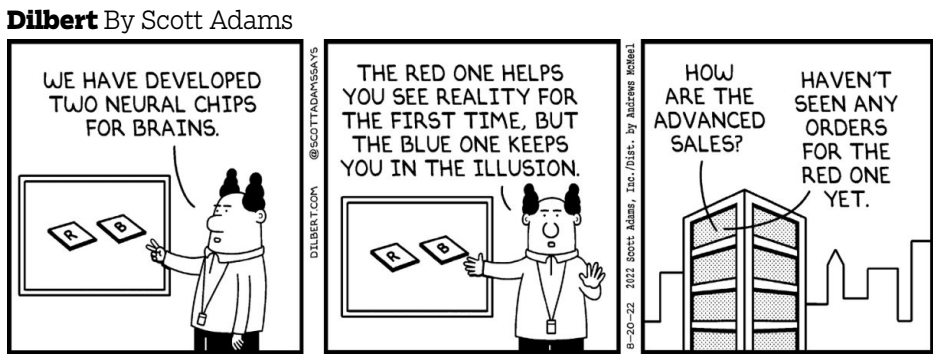
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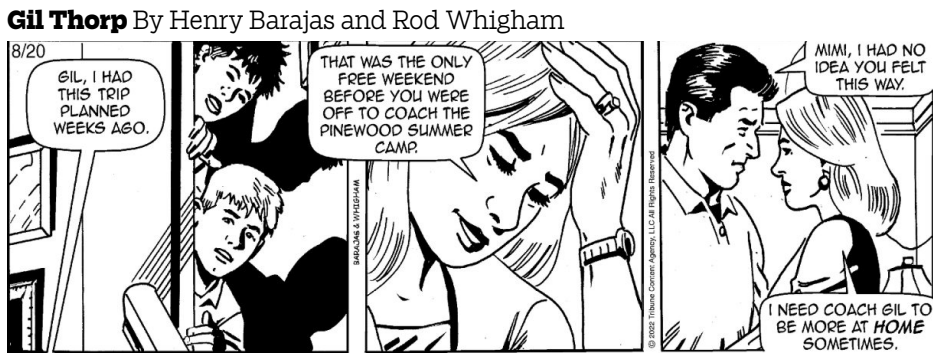
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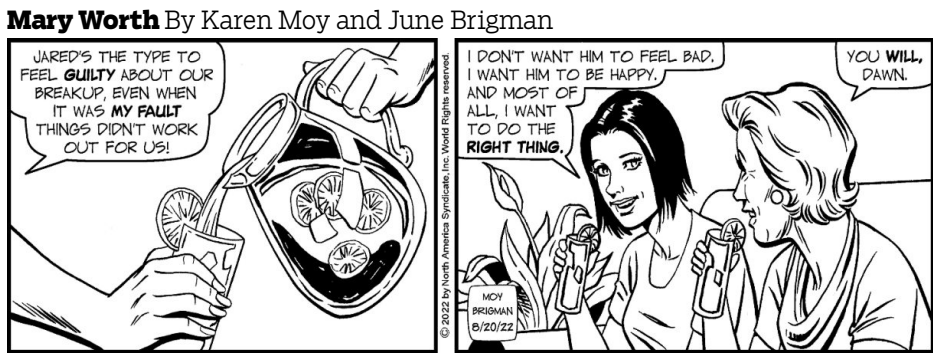
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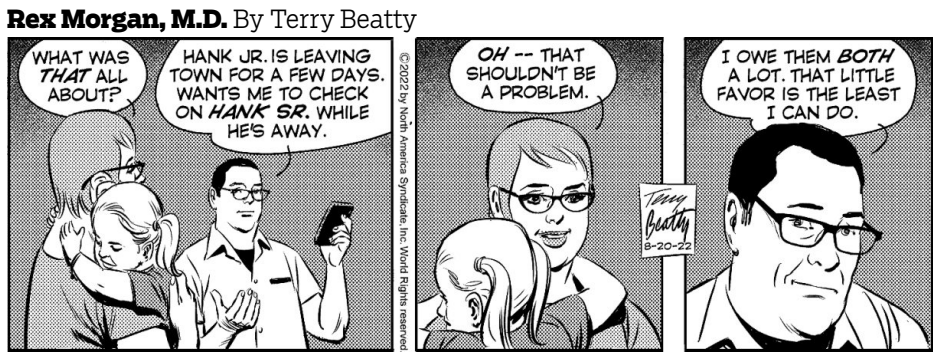
Gil Thorp By Henry Barajas and Rod Whigham



Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman



Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



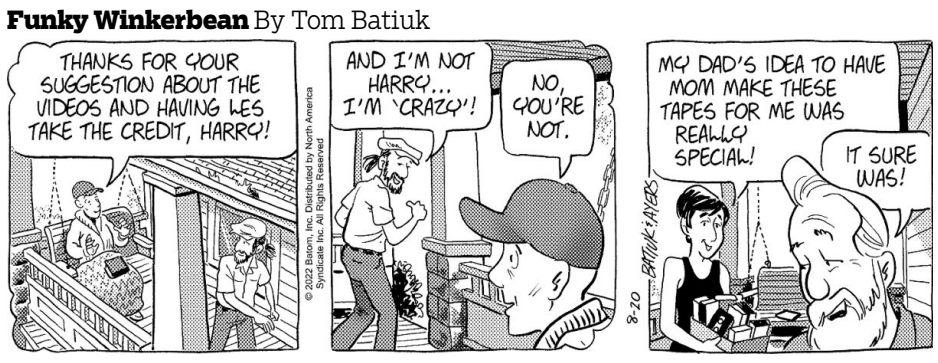
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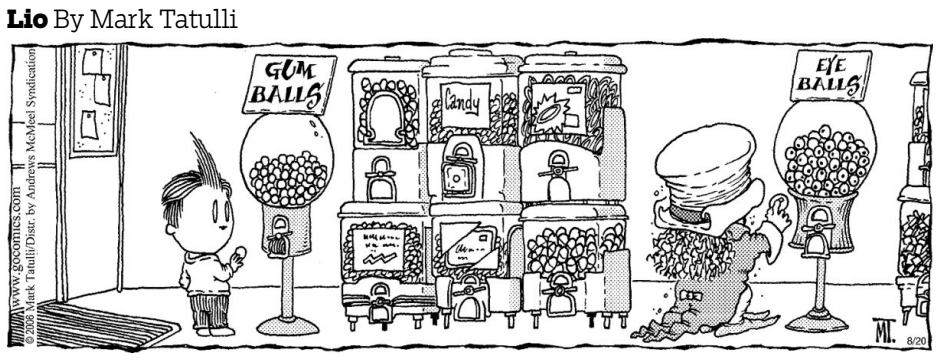
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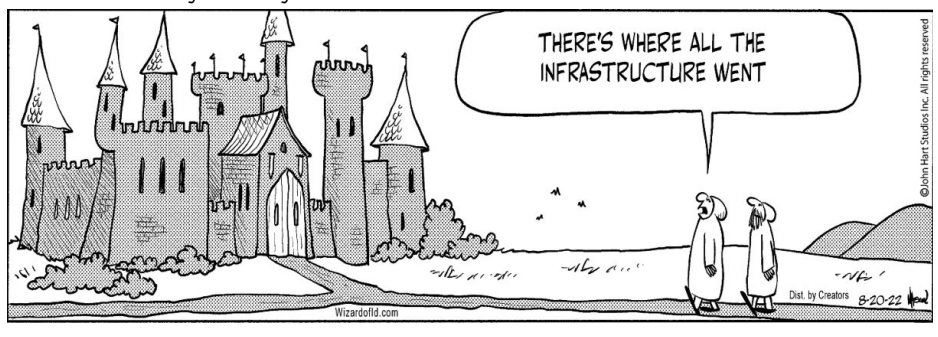
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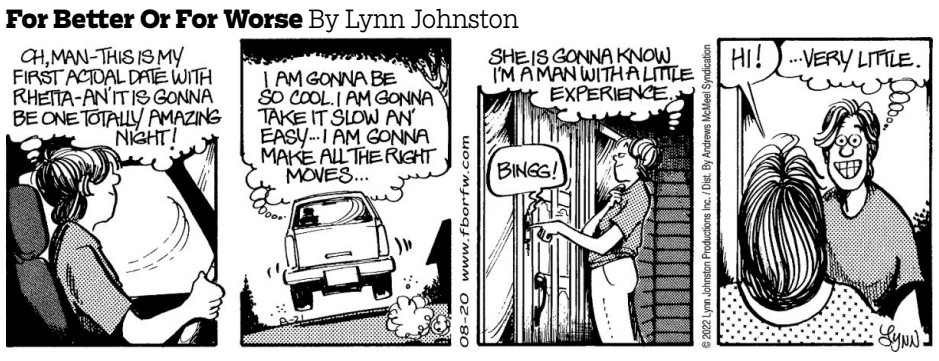
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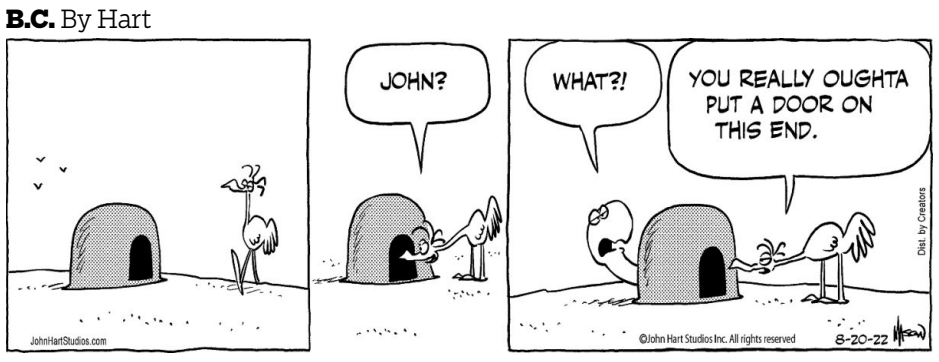
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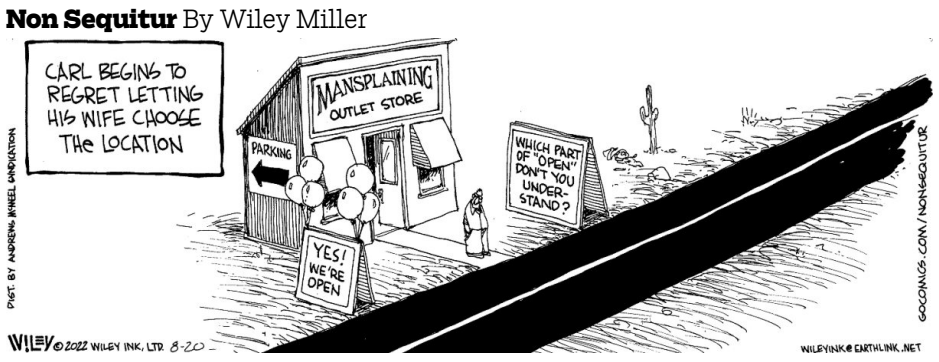
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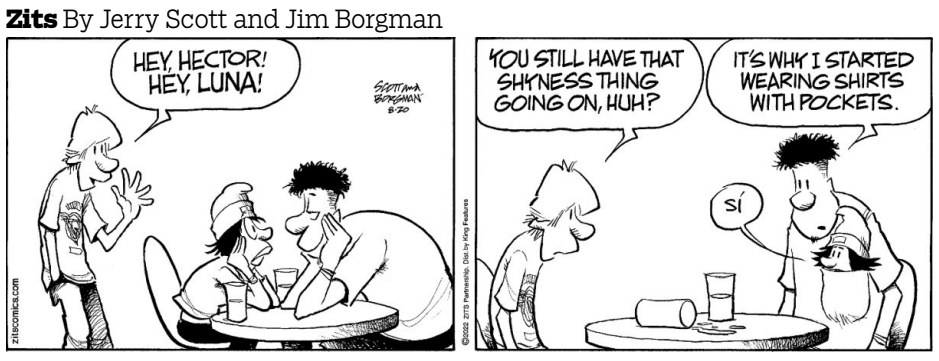
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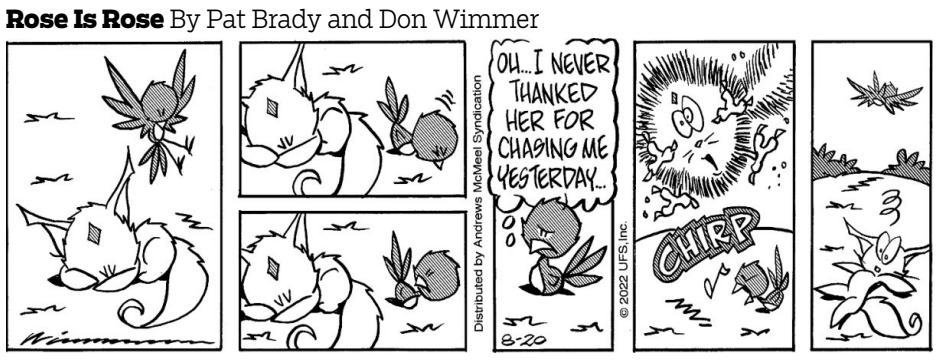
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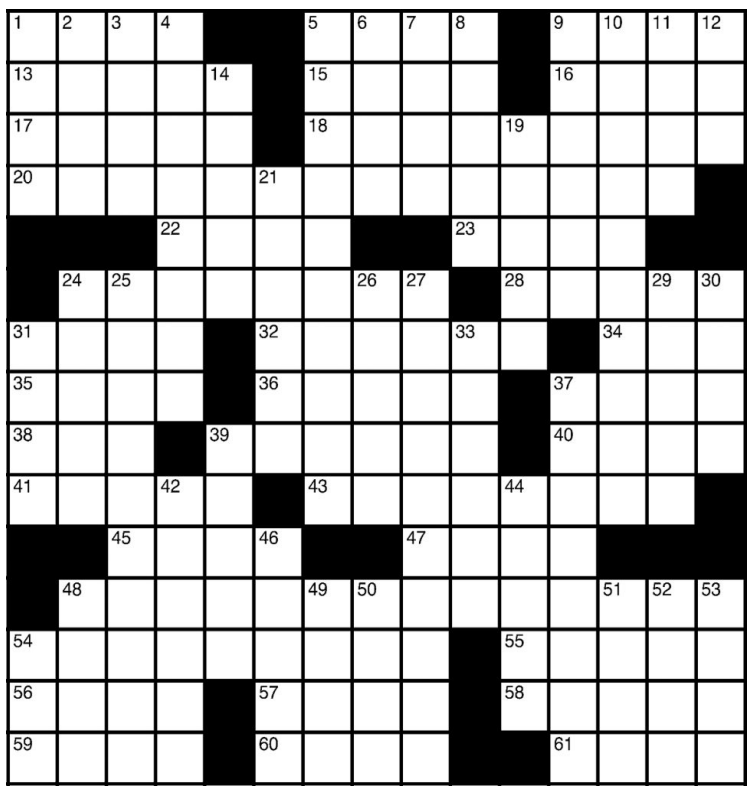
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17 Skirt
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22 "I feel seen"
23 "RuPaul's Drag Race Live!" regular O'Hara
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5 Competition series that features Mystery Box and Pressure Test challenges
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7 "Mozart in the Jungle" star Kirke
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10 "She put the Miss in misdemeanor when she stole the beans from Lima" singers
11 Low digits
12 Texting inits.
14 Breed from Honshu
19 Work with one's buds?
21 Mantis of "Guardians of the Galaxy," for one
24 Gambling mecca near Hong Kong
25 Dark aspect of one's persona
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27 Change of fortune?
29 Skirt
30 Mint family herb
31 Fence-sitter's deterrent
33 Stadium suite
37 Goes underground
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44 Court apparel
46 Having clear boundaries
48 Soyinka who was the first Literature Nobelist from sub-Saharan Africa
49 Head space?
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51 A crow's twig, e.g.
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53 Catwoman player
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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K 8 3
♥ K 9
♦ K Q 10 7 2
♣ Q 6

WEST
♠ Q J 2
♥ Q 10 7 6
♦ 6 4
♣ J 10 9 8

EAST
♠ 7
♥ A J 4 3 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ K 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 6 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ A 4 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

A double-avoidance play

A competent declarer does everything he possibly can to guard against unfavorable distribution. Today's deal illustrates the type of reasoning required in a potentially dangerous situation.

West leads the jack of clubs against four spades, and declarer covers the jack with the queen, hoping West has led from a combination headed by the K-J-10. But when East produces the king, declarer runs into his first problem — whether to take East's king with the ace.

South correctly reasons that it would be a mistake to win the trick. This is because he knows that East on lead can do him no harm, whereas if South takes the king with the ace, the contract might fail if West later gained the lead with a club and shifted to a heart.

So declarer ducks the king and wins East's club continuation with the ace. South then leads a low trump and, after West follows with the deuce, plays the eight from dummy! When the eight unexpectedly wins, declarer draws trump, cashes five diamond tricks, discarding his two heart losers, and later ruffs a club in dummy to finish with 12 tricks.

It is true that any declarer seeing all four hands would do just as well. However, the deep trump finesse at trick three is not based on a peek at the opponents' cards. Looking at only the North-South hands, the trump finesse is clearly the right play. South fully expects the eight to lose to the jack or queen — which is what would normally happen — but with East on lead, the contract is virtually assured.

Note what happens if declarer plays the ace or king of spades from dummy at trick three instead of finessing the eight. Regardless of what he does next, he eventually goes down one, losing a trump, two hearts and a club.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

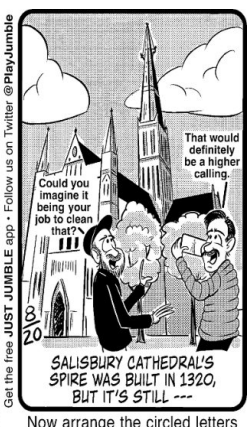
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WPEST

OTHTO

PRLIEP

DAINTB



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SNACK MATCH FONDUE FURROW
Answer: After the game, the baseball gloves' conversation included — OFFHAND REMARKS

TODAY'S SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

		2	4			1		
						5		
7	5		2					4
8	1							
	9	3					6	
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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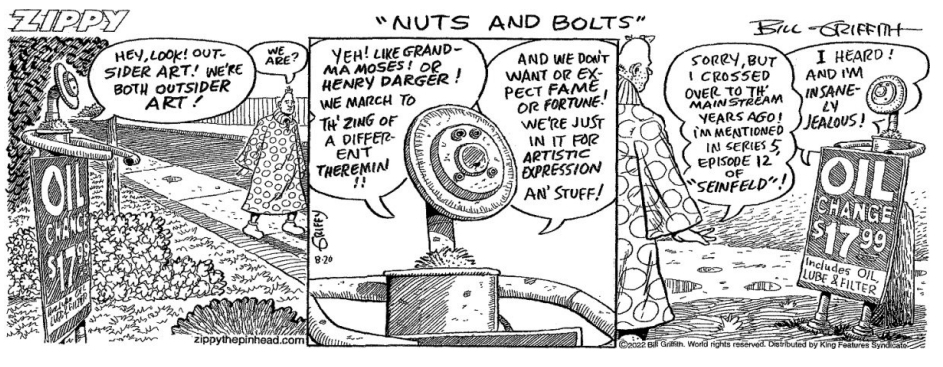
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		1	5	6		2		
					4			
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	6					3	4	
	5		3		9			

Level: 1 **2** 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: 80s bands

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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H F R J O G A C I H C T E I K Q E O
S E T H E P O L I C E O X P S V W S
M O E H A V Z R R A H T A E O S K O
D E F L E P P A R D O O V G M R F R
R P B T V C M V J J U N E E U Q U B
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POGUES
POISON
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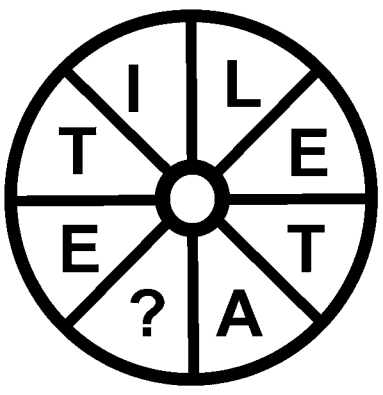
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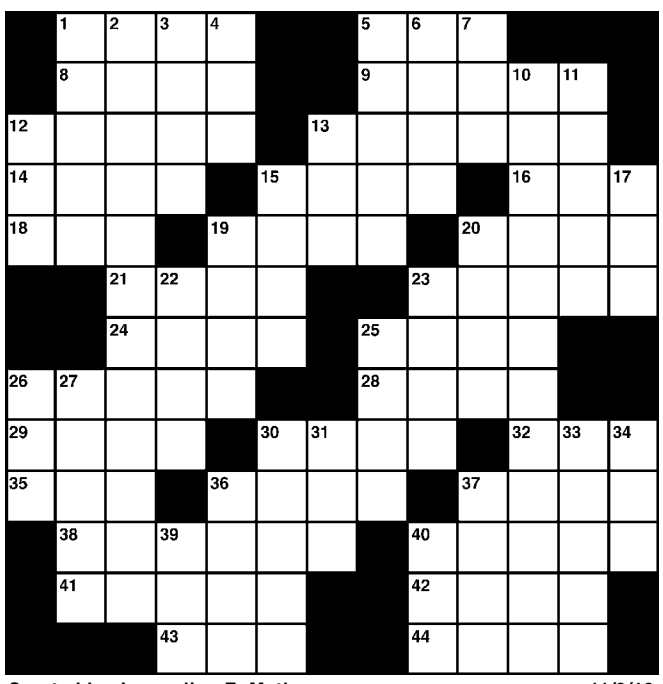
Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Smart or Stapleton
5 Role on "Cheers"
8 __ Garrett; housemother on "The Facts of Life"
9 "Without a __"
12 Singer Helen
13 Burke & others
14 Opera solo
15 TV show recorder
16 Mailman's beat: abbr.
18 Suffix for Japan or Nepal
19 "Born __"; film about a lioness
20 Matt LeBlanc's "Friends" role
21 Han __; "Star Wars" character
23 True or __ test
24 "Queen for __"
25 Blocker & Aykroyd
26 Actor __ James
28 __ Brothers; 1950s quartet
29 Adams or Falco
30 Comic actress Martha
32 Large awkward bird
35 Nothing
36 Passing crazes
37 "Get lost!"
38 Gable & Gregg
40 "The Dinah __ Show"
41 Cone-shaped home
42 Football kick
43 Sullivan & O'Neill
44 Mayberry resident

DOWN
1 __ at; taunts
2 Role on "A Million Little Things"
3 "Two __ Half Men"
4 Anti's vote
5 Martin or Allen
6 Woody Guthrie's son
7 Floor pad
10 "__ Act"; Patricia Heaton series
11 Rob or Will
12 "Norma __"; film for Sally Field
13 "__ Hard"; Bruce Willis movie
15 Actor & singer Donahue
17 "Eagle __"; Shia LaBeouf film
19 Caramel-topped custard
20 Seymour or Pauley
22 Cartoon dog
23 Series set at a school
25 "Happy __"
26 Olin or Berry
27 Royal decree
30 Gathers leaves
31 Commercials
33 Marcel Spears' "The Neighborhood" role
34 Univ. of Utah athlete
36 Pebbles' dad
37 Give the cold shoulder to
39 King Kong, for one
40 Jacuzzi



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80s bands

R E D R O W E N Q P I N K F L O Y D
H F R J O G A C I H C T E I K Q E O
S E T H E P O L I C E O X P S V W S
M O E H A V Z R R A H T A E O S K O
D E F L E P P A R D O O V G M R F R
R P B T V C M V J J U N E E U Q U B
H O O A C O A S K S S E N D A M S E
E I X T N E I R T H E C L A S H T V
A S N E Z G L R S A P O G U E S I E
R O S F T Z L L O B T P N K F H A E
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J S T A R S H I P S A G H D Y O R S
O N O I L L I R A M O T Z T E J I O
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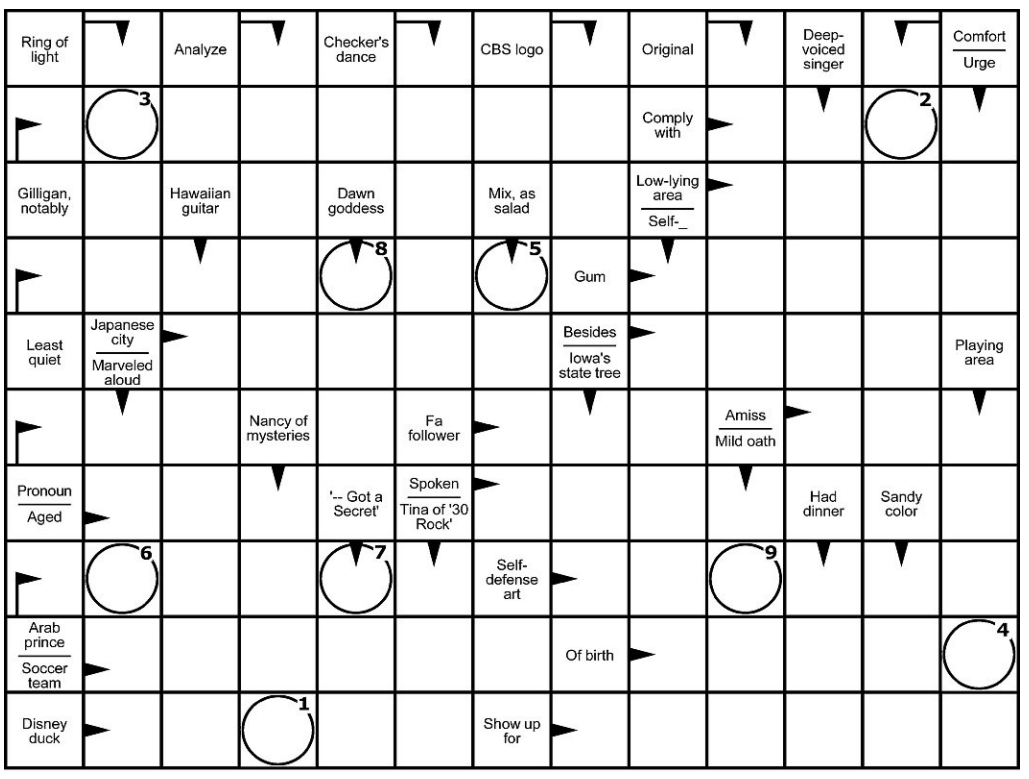
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____

Jumbles: MUSTY VENOM ROBBER ORIGIN
Answer: In the 1950's, 45 RPM records became so popular because people thought they were — GROOVY

ARROW WORDS

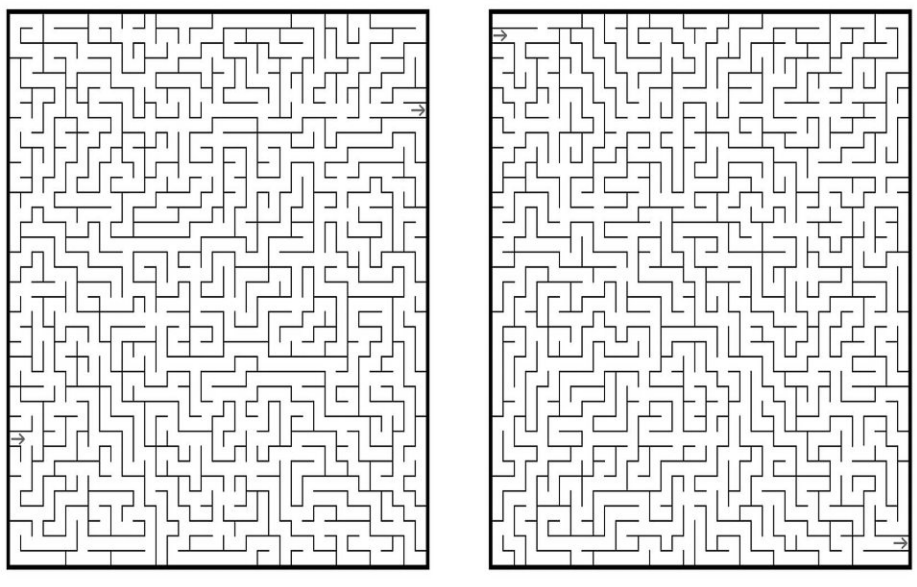
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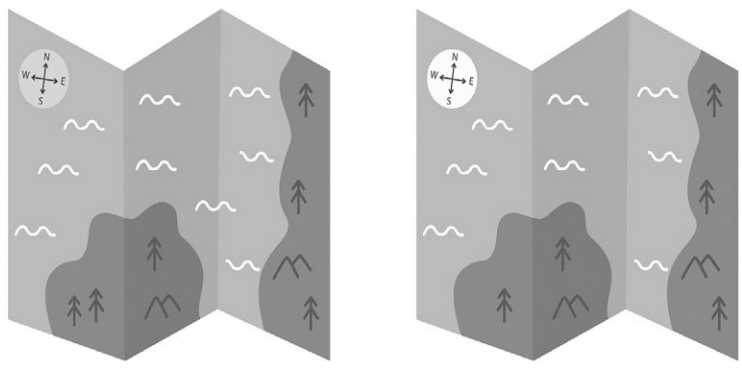
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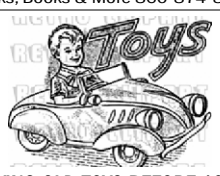


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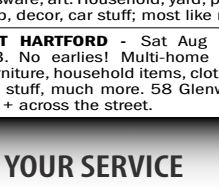
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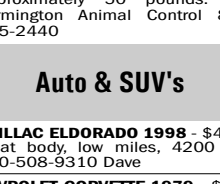
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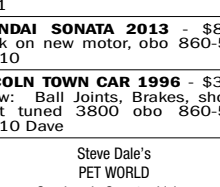
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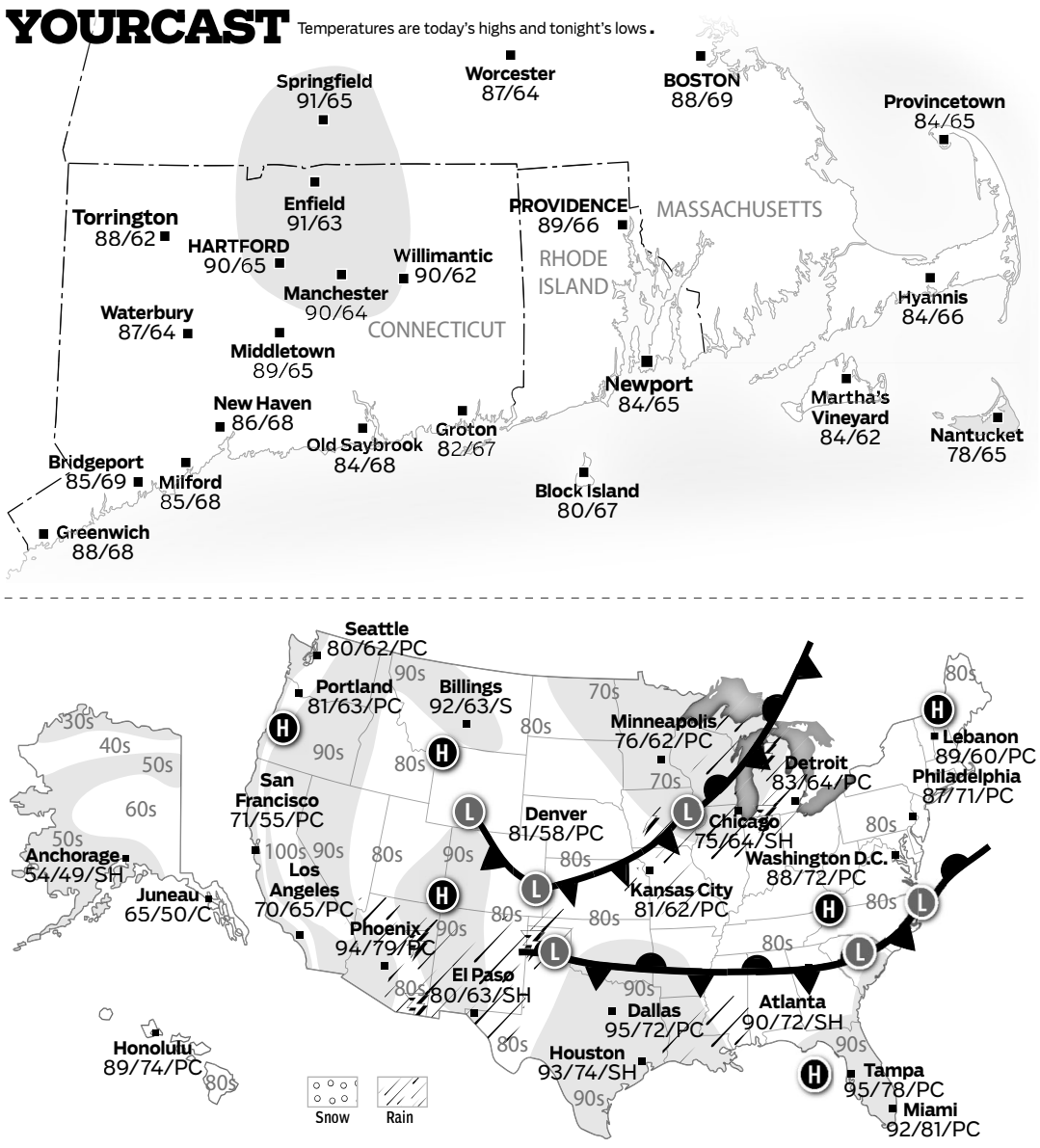
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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Partly sunny, hot and more humid. South wind at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly sunny, very warm and moderately humid.	Variable cloudiness and moderately humid, chance for showers and thunderstorms.	Mixed clouds, some sun, chance for showers and thunderstorms.	Partly sunny and very warm.
HIGH 90° LOW 65°	HIGH 88° LOW 66°	HIGH 81° LOW 67°	HIGH 83° LOW 65°	HIGH 88° LOW 65°

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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

High pressure over northern New England on Saturday will bring a partly sunny sky in the region with high temperatures in the 80s and lower 90s. It will be a more humid day with dew points in the low to mid-60s. An isolated afternoon shower is possible. There should be little change on Sunday. An unsettled period is expected Monday and Tuesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms around, including Monday night. It won't be as warm because of the clouds and precipitation, but it will be a bit more humid with dew points ranging from the mid-60s to the low 70s.

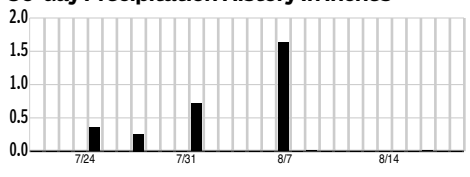
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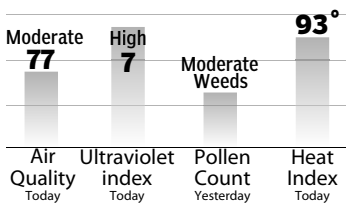
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	0.00	0.13
Month to date	2.48	2.76
Total this year	25.31	29.10

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	4:51 a.m. 5:26 p.m.	11:09 a.m. p.m.	72°
Saybrook Jetty	6:02 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	12:09 a.m. 12:02 p.m.	74°
Connecticut River at Portland	8:45 a.m. 9:20 p.m.	3:55 a.m. 3:48 p.m.	
Madison	6:20 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	12:09 a.m. 12:16 p.m.	75°
New Haven	6:40 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	12:33 a.m. 12:40 p.m.	77°
Stamford	6:44 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	12:47 a.m. 12:54 p.m.	77°

River Stage at Hartford: 0.98 feet at 5:30 p.m.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:04 a.m.	6:05 a.m.
Sunset	7:45 p.m.	7:43 p.m.
Moonrise	a.m.	12:28 a.m.
Moonset	3:30 p.m.	4:28 p.m.

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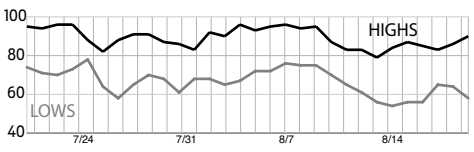
New	First	Full	Last
Aug 27	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	AM fog	AM fog
Wind	S, 5-10	S, 5-10	SW, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	90 at 2:28 p.m	58 at 5:03 a.m
Normal for date	83	62
Record for date	95 in 2019	46 in 1977
A year ago	84	71
Range this year	97	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - Aug 19	845	648	722

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.05 at 10 a.m.	29.94 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	60° at 8 a.m.	50° at 6 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND			Baltimore	88	70	PC	Nashville	89	70	PC	San Juan	88	77	SH	Budapest	83	66	SH
Bangor	87	58	PC	Bismarck	85	57	PC	New Orleans	91	76	T	Tucson	86	73	T	Buenos Aires	64	46	S
Burlington	88	66	PC	Boise	96	69	PC	New York	86	71	PC					Cairo	103	76	S
Caribou	87	61	S	Buffalo	86	67	PC	Okla. City	91	65	PC	**WORLD**				Cancun	90	80	PC
Concord	87	60	PC	Charleston	90	75	PC	Omaha	79	61	PC	Amsterdam	74	59	S	Dubai	105	87	PC
Montpelier	85	60	PC	Cincinnati	84	65	PC	Orlando	96	76	PC	Athens	97	77	S	Dublin	71	54	SH
Mt. Wash.	62	51	PC	Cleveland	84	65	SH	Pittsburgh	85	66	PC	Bangkok	91	77	SH	Edinburgh	66	51	SH
Portland	85	62	PC	Indianapolis	85	65	PC	Raleigh	84	71	PC	Barbados	85	77	SH	Helsinki	78	64	PC
Woods Hole	83	65	S	Jacksonville	91	73	PC	St. Louis	85	67	SH	Beijing	86	72	SH	Hong Kong	85	77	SH
NATION			Las Vegas	100	80	PC	Salt Lake City	80	62	PC	Beirut	86	79	S	Istanbul	89	72	S
Albany	85	67	PC	Miami Beach	89	83	PC	San Antonio	96	78	PC	Berlin	76	61	SH	Jerusalem	85	68	S
Albuquerque	70	54	SH	Milwaukee	75	61	SH	San Diego	72	67	C	Bermuda	86	79	PC	Johannesburg	64	35	S
Atlantic City	85	65	S																

Kingston	92	76	SH	Stockholm	74	58	SH
Lisbon	91	65	S	Sydney	63	49	S
London	76	58	PC	Tel Aviv	90	76	S
Madrid	93	66	S	Tokyo	86	74	SH
Mexico City	72	53	SH	Toronto	81	71	PC
Milan	87	65	S	Vancouver	75	63	PC
Montreal	86	69	S	Warsaw	87	66	SH
Moscow	77	62	PC				
Nassau	88	82	PC				
New Delhi	88	76	SH				
Paris	79	57	PC				
Prague	72	61	SH				
Rio de Janeiro	67	63	SH				
Rome	89	68	S				
Seoul	91	71	PC				
Singapore	87	78	SH				

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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Back *to the* basics

Baking star Paul Hollywood returns to the classic recipes

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press



The Queen Mother said they were the best scones she'd ever tasted, says Paul Hollywood of his classic scone recipe. **HAARALA HAMILTON**

NEW YORK — If Paul Hollywood needed any evidence that he and "The Great British Bake Off" have become pop culture icons, he just needs to turn on Netflix.

There, in last year's starry heist film "Red Notice" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Ryan Reynolds and Gal Gadot, was a snippet of Hollywood's show, an unlikely hit on both sides of the Atlantic.

In one scene, Gadot, after a double- or triple-cross, is shown relaxing in front of a TV as she waits for a trap to spring on one of her co-stars. "She sits down and watches me on the 'Bake Off' and I'm going 'What? That's Wonder Woman!' " says Hollywood, still amazed.

Hollywood may have gone full Hollywood, but he's not forgetting where the magic happens. The English baking specialist has returned to the basics this summer, offering ultimate versions of recipes that have been adjusted and updated for the modern world in the new cookbook "Bake" from Bloomsbury Publishing.

"There were certain things I thought were too sweet, and you didn't need to have that much sugar in them. I think our palates have changed over the last 20, 30, 40, 50 years," he says. "I thought, 'Well, if you can reduce sugar and still enjoy a fantastic cake, then surely that's a good thing.' "

The book is divided into six parts — cakes, cookies and scones, breads and flatbreads, pizzas and doughnuts, pastry and pies, and desserts. Each recipe aims to capture the essence of the dish, and Hollywood hopes home cooks learn the basics.

"Once you've mastered it, then you can tweak it and alter it and change it and make it your own. You need to master it first — walk before you can run," he says.

In addition to adding less sugar — and also less salt — Hollywood has put his own twist on certain recipes, like asking for bread flour — also known as strong flour — in his scones and ditching lemon in favor of a lime meringue pie.

There is a spareness to each recipe in "Bake," a reflection of Hollywood's blunt but fair persona. There's often a few sentences of introduction with an explanation of his tweaks and then a set of economical directions, some no more than a few hundred words.

"You can have your froufrou and your fluffy comments when you're eating with your friend," he says, laughing. "I said, 'Let's just cut to the chase, get the bloody thing made and then you can sit down and talk.' "

All you really need to bake like a pro, he says, is a kitchen scale, your hands and a good oven. Would-be bakers should not be intimidated by working with humidity or yeast.

"I think ultimately the recipes themselves are very approachable," he says. "If you weigh up the recipe correctly and your oven has been serviced — or it's been cleaned and it's been maintained well and it is achieving the temperature that it says it's achieving — you are 90% of the way there just by weighing things up correctly. After that, it's a case of just throwing it into a mixer and mixing it."

Hollywood's passion for baking is infectious and his knowledge deep. If you thought sourdough — which became more popular during the pandemic — originated in San Francisco, Hollywood goes further back. He traces it to the ancient Egyptians who baked it for the sun god Ra, then to the Romans and then Europeans, who brought it when they emigrated to California.

"What is a sourdough? Well, for me, as long as you're not using shop-bought yeast, you're making your yeast in flour water, and you're harnessing the airborne bacteria, then what you're doing is a sourdough," he says.

Speaking of the pandemic, Hollywood is encouraged by more and more bakers turning to their kitchens and baking muffins, cookies or baked goods to sell.

"People have a passion of baking, which, yes, was there before. But what's happened is they've nurtured that passion through the pandemic. And now it's become a full-blooded hobby or a gift or a trade or a business that they want to invest in," he says.

Hollywood uses bread flour in his scones, which might seem surprising, but it's a popular choice in professional kitchens because the high protein content gives the scones a boost. This recipe is tried and tested over many years, and he says he's never had any complaints.

The Queen Mother said they were the best scones she'd ever tasted, he says.

Just a couple of things to bear in mind: Don't overwork the dough — you want it nice and light. And don't twist the cutter when you lift it off or they won't rise properly in the oven.

CLASSIC SCONES

Makes: 11 scones
4 cups bread flour, plus extra to dust
2 tablespoons baking powder
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces
2 large eggs
1 cup whole milk
⅓ cup superfine sugar
To glaze:
1 large egg, beaten with a pinch of salt
To serve:
Confectioners' sugar, to dust
Preserves and Devonshire clotted cream or whipped cream

1. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In a large bowl, mix the flour and baking powder together. Add the butter and rub together with your fingers for a few minutes until you have a breadcrumb-like texture.

3. In another bowl, beat the eggs with the milk and sugar. Add to the rubbed-in mixture and stir together until the dough comes together and forms a ball.

4. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured surface and fold it over a few times to incorporate air, but do not knead it; you want to achieve a loose, soft dough. Using a rolling pin, gently roll out to a 1 ¼-inch thickness, making sure there is plenty of flour underneath to prevent sticking.

5. Using a biscuit cutter, about 2 ½ inches in diameter, and pressing firmly (without twisting the cutter), cut out rounds and put on the lined baking sheets, leaving space in between. Brush the tops of the scones with beaten egg, then put in the fridge for 20 minutes to rest. Meanwhile, heat your oven to 425 degrees.

6. Take the scones out of the fridge and brush them again with the egg glaze. Bake for 15 minutes until risen and golden brown.

7. Transfer the scones to a wire rack and leave to cool completely. Dust lightly with confectioners' sugar and serve with a generous helping of preserves and Devonshire clotted cream or whipped cream.



Grain and pasta salads, with hearty mix-ins that can withstand the heat, are a good idea for the beach, as are simple dips. **CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

How to pack *the perfect* beach cooler

By Naz Deravian | The New York Times

Packing a cooler for a relaxing, sun-filled day at the beach is like playing Tetris. But no matter how adept you are at puzzles and video games, inevitably you give up on stacking all those multishaped containers neatly, resorting to lugging a poorly organized cooler — along with multiple bags — across the hot sand.

"You don't want to feel like you're working a job by the time you get to the beach," said Nikki Boyd, a professional organizer in North Carolina and the author of "Beautifully Organized: A Guide to Function and Style in Your Home." "Keep the cooler compact, and make it work for you as efficiently as possible."

With a little planning and a few expert tips, a day at the beach can actually be relaxing.

Choose the right cooler

To master cooler Tetris, choose a cooler with one large insulated interior. Lauren Rivard, founder of the Picnic Collective, a picnic catering company in Costa Mesa, California, recommends avoiding coolers with multiple compartments, like the soft, collapsible coolers with various sleeves and pockets, which only take up valuable space.

Use lightweight, reusable containers that fit the shape of your cooler (rectangles and squares are the way to go). Glass containers are not recommended since they are heavy and not safe to use outdoors. Place heavier, perishable items on the bottom, and slip in smaller round shapes, like cans and thermoses, in the nooks and crannies.

Keep things cool all day

Alanna O'Neil, a photographer on Maui, Hawaii, and the author of "The Art of Picnics: Seasonal Outdoor Entertaining," suggests creating a cold cooler by freezing all noncarbonated drinks and chilling carbonated drinks in advance.

"Start with a solid base of something cold, like a layer of frozen water bottles or frozen ice blocks," O'Neil said. (Just be sure to use freezer-safe bottles.) The frozen foundation helps keep items balanced and melts less quickly than ice cubes. Packing your cooler to the brim works to your advantage: "The more solid it is as a unit, the cold air will stay trapped longer," she said.

Once the cooler is packed and the gaps are filled in with ice, keep foods you'll reach for most often, like dips and chips, on top to minimize opening the cooler and melting the ice. (You can, of course, pack dry goods in a separate bag or transfer them to a container to keep dry — and limit trash on the beach — and pack in the cooler.)

Boyd, the organizer, also suggests designating an area for drinks and giving them sections so you're not wasting time digging for what you want. "If you want to get fancy," she said, "you can label the lid of the cooler so when you lift it up, everyone knows the arrangement of the beverages."

Pack beach-proof foods

When choosing a sandwich, consider ingredients that can withstand hours outdoors and won't get soggy. Salted butter, like in a ham and jam sandwich, holds up against the elements at the beach much better than mayonnaise on a sandwich. O'Neil likes to wrap sandwiches in parchment paper and for extra assurance slips them into reusable bags to keep out condensation.



Placing frozen, noncarbonated beverages at the bottom of the cooler creates an icy, stable foundation that won't melt as rapidly as ice.



Food is placed on top of a layer of beverages and ice in a cooler. Frozen grapes work a lot like ice cubes — nestle them at the top of the cooler so they won't get crushed as they thaw.

Hearty grain or pasta salads, like farro or orzo tossed with artichokes, olives and hard-to-melt feta cheese, travel well. And a cooling, creamy, ranchy dip — made from a mix or with fresh herbs and yogurt — is the perfect companion to salty chips for snacking on all day in between ocean swims.

Chilled fruit is nonnegotiable for a beach picnic, and Rivard, Boyd and O'Neil agree that frozen grapes are the way to go. Pack them in reusable bags and store on the top layer of the cooler so they keep things cool but don't get crushed as they thaw. To save space, Boyd recommends cutting fruits like watermelon and pineapple into bite-size pieces and skewering them on sticks, like kebabs, for easy-to-grab individual servings stored in a container.

For a late-afternoon pick-me-up, Rivard recommends storing your favorite iced coffee in a chilled insulated flask to serve with a sweet treat at the end of the day. Rice Krispies treats are hard to crush; cut them in square or rectangle shapes for easy storing. Enjoy, then pack everything back up and make the journey home salty, sandy and content.

FRESH RANCH DIP

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 5 minutes
1 (16-ounce) container plain Greek yogurt, preferably full-fat
1 large garlic clove, finely grated
½ cup finely chopped fresh dill leaves
2 tablespoons thinly sliced chives
1 small lemon
Kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal)
Potato chips, Persian cucumbers or other crudités, for serving

Place yogurt in a medium bowl. (Save the container for storing your dip.) Add garlic, dill and chives. Add ½ teaspoon of lemon zest and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice, and season with salt (about 1 teaspoon). Stir to combine and taste for seasoning. Be mindful not to oversalt if you plan to serve this with salty chips. Serve right away or transfer back to container, cover and store in fridge for up to 1 day.

— Recipe by Naz Deravian

ARTICHOKE AND OLIVE FARRO SALAD

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 45 minutes
Kosher salt (such as Diamond Crystal) and black pepper
1 cup quick-cook, pearled or semi-pearled farro, rinsed and drained (see note)
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, plus more as needed
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
⅓ cup pitted kalamata olives, sliced in half lengthwise
About 1 cup (5.4 ounces) marinated quartered artichoke hearts from a jar, coarsely chopped
½ cup crumbled feta
⅓ cup chopped fresh dill leaves
¼ medium red onion, finely chopped (about ⅓ cup)
¼ cup thinly sliced chives

1. Set aside a sheet pan or a large plate. Bring a medium pot of well-salted water to a boil. Add the farro and give it a stir. Reduce the heat to medium-high and cook according to package instructions, skimming off any foam that rises, until the grains are tender and plump. Depending on the type of farro used, this can take anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes. Drain the farro and transfer to the sheet pan or plate; spread out and cool to room temperature, 10 to 15 minutes. (If the farro is left to cool in the strainer, it will keep cooking, take longer to cool and turn mushy.)

2. Transfer the farro to a medium mixing bowl. Add the vinegar, oil and ½ teaspoon salt, and stir to combine. Add the olives, artichoke, feta, dill, red onion and chives, and season with black pepper to taste. Stir and taste. Add more salt, vinegar and oil as needed.

3. Serve right away or store in the fridge for up to 2 days. The farro will absorb the vinegar and oil the longer it sits. Adjust seasoning, vinegar and oil before serving.

Note: If using orzo, use 1 ¼ cups and follow package instructions for cooking. Drain and cool as instructed in Step 1.

HAM AND JAM SANDWICH

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 10 minutes
1 baguette (about 20 to 24 inches long)
4 tablespoons salted or unsalted butter, at room temperature
Kosher salt
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
⅓ cup fruit jam or preserves, such as cherry, peach or orange
8 ounces sliced ham, preferably smoked or Black Forest
Black pepper

1. Cut the baguette into four equal pieces by cutting the baguette in half crosswise, then cutting each half in half. Slice each piece through the middle to split it. Arrange the pieces cut-side up.

2. Spread the butter on the tops and bottoms of each quarter. If using unsalted butter, sprinkle lightly with salt. Spread Dijon on one side and jam on the other. Pile the ham on the bottom pieces, then season with black pepper. Top the sandwiches and press firmly. Wrapped and refrigerated, the sandwich will keep for up to 1 day.

— Recipe by Ali Slagle

CARAMELIZED BROWN BUTTER RICE KRISPIES TREATS

Makes: 30 to 50 treats
Total time: 15 minutes
8 ounces butter, salted or unsalted, preferably cultured, plus extra for pan
2 10 ½-ounce bags of marshmallows (see note)
12-ounce box Rice Krispies cereal

1. Line rimmed sheet pan with parchment paper or wax paper, or butter it well.

2. In a large pot, melt butter over medium-low heat. It will melt, then foam, then turn clear and golden and finally start to turn brown and smell nutty. Watch closely and stir often.

3. When butter is evenly browned, stir in marshmallows. (If using unsalted butter, stir in ⅛ teaspoon salt.) Melt and cook, stirring often, until mixture turns pale brown, then stir constantly until lightly browned but not dark, 3 to 5 minutes.

4. Turn off heat, add cereal and mix well, preferably with a silicone spoon or a spatula. Scrape into prepared pan and press down lightly. If necessary, butter hands to press mixture flat. Let cool, and cut into squares or bars.

Note: Most marshmallows contain gelatin. For a vegetarian version of these treats, be sure to use vegan/vegetarian marshmallows available at most health food stores.

— Recipe from Colin Alevras; adapted by Julia Moskin

Some red wines can benefit from a slight chill

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times



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Wine is a joyous, never-ending education. Even so, some lessons were humbling to me over the past few weeks as I examined how serving temperature affects red wines.

I had suggested three bottles that I thought would all benefit from a healthy chill. The experience was not what I expected.

Readers are all too familiar with my periodic reminder that most red wines are served too warm, along with my suggestion that, when planning to drink a red, the bottle should be refrigerated for 20 to 30 minutes or so before opening.

I continue to stand by that good advice. But as this lesson shows, it turns out that the chill affects wines in more nuanced ways than my simple admonitions would have suggested.

I proposed three bottles. They were: Broc Cellars North Coast Love Red 2021, Jean-Paul Brun Domaine des Terres Dorées Morgon 2020 and COS Terre Siciliane Frappato 2021.

I asked readers to try the chilled wines just out of the fridge, then over the course of a meal (I had recommended taking them out 20 minutes before eating) and, finally, at room temperature. The idea was to observe how the wine evolved depending on its temperature.

I expected that these wines would behave in roughly similar ways. Straight out of the fridge they each would be cold and refreshing but without much character. Cold kills nuance. Serving wine ice-cold will hide flaws in a bad bottle but also conceal any distinctive, winning qualities in a good one.

After 20 or 30 minutes, I imagined the wines would become more accessible — refreshing in hot weather and starting to show their stuff. They would continue to improve throughout the meal until they began to approach room temperature, at which point the wines would become less refreshing and less lively.

Straight out of the refrigerator, the three wines were as expected: frigid and flavorless. The only impression I had of these different bottles was the bracing, sluicing action of gulping a cold liquid. Drinking a good bottle that cold is pointless, whether red or white.

After 20 to 30 minutes outside the fridge, which had been my recommendation for when to begin drinking, the wines were still much too cold, as several readers noted.

"Twenty minutes might not be enough," said Sherlock Lab of New York. "At least 45 to 55 minutes for these red wines to reach 55 degrees Fahrenheit. I take out white wines 60 minutes before."

Even so, one bottle, the Broc Love Red, was somewhat enjoyable, its flavors beginning to spread through the mouth. The other two were not accessible. The COS was simply reticent, and the Brun Morgon was astringent, actually unpleasant.

Why was the Love Red different? It was a question of the winemaker's intent. Broc Cellar's Love wines are modestly priced, easygoing bottles meant for early consumption. They are not intended to be aged for years, simply to be opened and enjoyed. Marketers would call them pop 'n' pour bottles.

This intention partly determines how the wine is made. Chris Brockway, Broc's proprietor, buys grapes from all over California, many of them obscure ones like valdiguié from old vineyards. The '21 Love Red is a blend of 51% carignan, 25% syrah and 12% valdiguié, along with smaller amounts of mourvèdre, zinfandel, petite sirah and grenache.

The grapes were fermented separately, then blended. The carignan and grenache underwent carbonic fermentation, a method popular in Beaujolais and among natural wine producers around the world. It's often used to produce fruity, fragrant, easily enjoyable bottles that would fall under the category of carefree thirst quenchers.

Indeed, as the wine warmed to what I considered lightly chilled, it grew more delicious. The flavors were of tart fruit and herbs, maybe a bit of anise, with a lingering bitterness that refreshed the mouth.

Broc, like each of these producers, relies on ambient yeasts for fermentation and does not manipulate the wines or add anything except, maybe, a small amount of sulfur dioxide, a stabilizer and antioxidant.

Unlike the Broc, the other two bottles were not necessarily intended for immediate consumption. Yes, they are generally enjoyable young. But each of them possess the ability to age and improve for at least a few years.

They weren't tannic, like young Bordeaux, Barolo or Burgundy, which are often made for the long haul, aging and improving for 20 years or more. But they had enough tannins that anything more than a light chill emphasized the astringency and effectively closed the wines down.

Paradoxically, the Brun Morgon, though a Beaujolais, was not made with carbonic or semicarbonic maceration. Jean-Paul Brun, the proprietor, is part of a small but growing group of producers in Beaujolais who believe the character of the vineyard is better expressed through a conventional fermentation, which in Beaujolais is often referred to as Burgundian style.

In addition, Brun allows the grapes, 100% gamay, to macerate with the skins for four to six weeks, giving the wine some structure before aging it in concrete vats or oak barrels. The Morgon, reticent after a half-hour out of the fridge, was much better with just the slightest chill, bright, lively and floral. It was very gently tannic, but that was enough for the wine, colder than a slight chill, to be adversely affected.

Likewise, the intention behind the COS frappato, from the Vittoria region of Sicily, was more about conveying the character of the vineyard rather than making a simple thirst quencher. The wine buzzed with vibrant, sweet-and-bitter red fruit and earthy undertones with just a mild chill. Any colder, and the wine seemed simplified, just structured enough not to be enjoyable.

A delicious thirst quencher like the Broc is more flexible in terms of serving temperature than even modestly structured reds like the other two bottles, to say nothing of more age-worthy wines. It requires a little more knowledge of particular bottles to determine which reds can withstand cooler temperatures.

I could see this dynamic in several of the comments from readers. VSB of San Francisco said the Broc was at its best an hour out of the fridge. But for Dan Barron of New York, who drank a Lambrusco, 50 minutes out of the fridge left the wine feeling too warm.

I'm not sure, after my experience, that sort of one-size-fits-all approach will work. As Euphemia Thompson of North Castle, New York, pointed out, "Its success rides on how cold your fridge is."

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Stuffed tomatoes are my new summer staple

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During the summer, I abandon my oven in favor of the grill. Rain or shine, you'll find me charring corn and getting grill marks on gnocchi. And don't forget that cast-iron skillets are also great for the grill. That's what I used to cook these ripe and juicy grilled tomatoes.

I hollow out the tomatoes, fill them with gooey cheese and summery basil pesto, cook them in the skillet on the grill, and finish them with crunchy toasted pine nuts. Eat them for a light lunch, serve them with grilled steaks or chicken, or put them out with the rest of the sides at your next cookout and watch them disappear.

How do you cook stuffed tomatoes on the grill?

It's easy. Just think of the grill as you would your oven, but with more smoke and a better view. I toasted the pine nuts in the skillet on the grill, then dumped those onto a plate and snuggled the stuffed tomatoes in the same skillet. I put the skillet back on the grill and cooked the tomatoes until the pesto-spiked rice filling was hot and the cheese melted. That took all of 15 minutes.

What tomatoes are best for stuffing?

Large beefsteak tomatoes are the best choice for stuffing. These varieties have a sturdy shell that can stand up to being hollowed, filled and grilled. Use a spoon to remove the insides of the tomato, making sure to leave the sides and the bottom of the tomato intact. Discard the tomato pulp or use in gazpacho, tomato water, tomato water Popsicles or tomato water bloody mary.

What is the best stuffing for stuffed and grilled tomatoes?

The best stuffed and grilled tomatoes start with cooked rice or cauliflower rice. It's the perfect way to use up leftovers or to add some extra veggies to your plate. Add a double dose of cheese: shredded mozzarella and grated Parmesan. Mix the mozzarella cheese into the rice or cauliflower rice and reserve the Parmesan for sprinkling on top. Season the filling generously with homemade or store-bought pesto, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. The filling should taste rather salty, but it will season the tomatoes from the inside out and mellow as the tomatoes grill. Buttery pine nuts give the grilled tomatoes a finishing crunch.

Stuffed tomatoes with an easy low-carb ingredient swap

Stuffed mushrooms and stuffed bell peppers rely on rice or breadcrumbs for bulk. While those ingredients make them filling and delicious, it also places them squarely out of reach for anyone who prefers a low-carb diet. In this recipe, swap out an equal amount of fresh or frozen riced cauliflower for the cooked white rice for the same summery flavors with a fraction of the carbohydrates.



Ripe tomatoes are filled with gooey cheese and basil pesto, grilled and finished with toasted pine nuts. **JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHNCOM**

GRILLED STUFFED TOMATOES

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
4 large or 6 medium beefsteak tomatoes (2 ½ pounds total)
4 ounces low-moisture part-skim or whole milk mozzarella
¼ ounce grated Parmesan cheese (about 1 heaping tablespoon)
2 cups cooked white rice or cauliflower rice, thawed if frozen
½ cup store-bought or homemade basil pesto, plus more for serving
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
⅛ teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 to 4 tablespoons pine nuts
1. Heat an outdoor grill to medium-high, direct heat (400 to 450 degrees). Meanwhile, prepare the tomatoes.
2. Slice the tops off of 4 large or 6 medium beefsteak tomatoes at the shoulder where the tops begin to slope down. Use a paring knife to slice around the edge of the tomato interior and cut away any part of the stem. Scoop out the inside flesh and gel of the tomatoes with a spoon, making sure to leave behind an intact ¼-inch-thick shell. Reserve the tomato tops and pulp for another use or discard.
3. Grate 4 ounces low-moisture part-skim mozzarella cheese on the large holes of a box grater (about 1 cup). Grate ¼ ounce Parmesan cheese on the small holes of the grater (about 1 tablespoon).
4. Place the mozzarella, 2 cups cooked white rice or cauliflower rice, ½ cup basil pesto, ½ teaspoon kosher salt, ½ teaspoon black pepper and ⅛ teaspoon red pepper flakes in a medium bowl and stir to combine.
5. Divide the filling among the tomato shells, about a heaping ½ cup each. Sprinkle the filling with the Parmesan.
6. Place 2 tablespoons (for 4 tomatoes) to 4 tablespoons (for 6 tomatoes) pine nuts in a dry medium cast-iron or other grill-safe skillet. Place pan on grill grates, cover and cook, stirring every minute or so, until light golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes total. Transfer the nuts to a plate.
7. Arrange the tomatoes filling-side up in the same skillet. Return the skillet on the grill, cover and cook until the filling is hot, the cheese is melted and tomatoes are tender, about 15 minutes. Remove from the grill and sprinkle evenly with the pine nuts. Drizzle with more pesto if desired.



This cake benefits from slightly sour, yet creamy yogurt. **DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON/TNS**

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Perk up simple yogurt cake with cherries and apricots

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I'd never used yogurt in a cake, so I thought I'd give it a try. It works similarly to sour cream or buttermilk and adds a moist texture to the cake. I fooled around with the original recipe I had saved years ago and came up with this summery, light and fruity yogurt cake.

Here, I used bright red cherries and light orange apricots, but you can add your own fruit signature to this cake. Peaches, nectarines, plums or berries would work equally well.

The simple cake benefits from the slightly sour, yet creamy yogurt, and the vanilla is essential for its flavor.

The addition of the summer fruits interlaced in the vanilla-scented batter adds just the right amount of sweetness and juiciness to the yogurt cake.

Whenever you are adding fruit to a cake batter, be sure to dust the fruit with all-purpose flour. This will ensure that the fruit won't fall to the bottom of the cake and it will be evenly distributed. I can say this cake is a delicious breakfast bread alongside your coffee or tea. It is equally yummy at teatime or as an ending to your summer dinner.

CHERRY APRICOT YOGURT LOAF

Makes: 8 to 10 servings
1 ½ cups plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
Pinch of salt
3 large eggs
1 cup sugar minus 2 tablespoons
½ cup full-fat Greek yogurt
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
½ cup grapeseed or other unflavored oil
2 apricots, pitted and cut into ½-inch dice
6 ripe cherries, pitted and cut into ½-inch dice
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-by-5-inch nonstick loaf pan with baking spray all over. Combine 1 ½ cups flour, the baking powder and salt in a bowl or on a piece of foil or parchment paper. Stir the dry ingredients around to evenly mix. Reserve.
2. Whisk the eggs in a medium mixing bowl with the sugar with an electric mixer until light yellow. Add the yogurt and the vanilla and beat another minute. Add the reserved dry ingredients and beat another minute or until just blended. Slowly add the oil and mix to blend well.
3. Combine the apricots and cherries and 2 tablespoons flour together in a bowl and mix to make sure the fruit is evenly coated with the flour. Transfer about half the batter into the pan. Scatter the flour-dusted fruit evenly over the batter. Pour the remaining batter on top of the fruit layer to cover. You can use a rubber spatula to move the fruit around.
4. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until a wooden skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. Place on a wire rack to cool. When cool, invert onto a rectangular platter. Slice into serving pieces.

The easiest baked crab cakes are perfect for the season

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While I am a big fan of traditional pan-fried crab cakes, it's hard to beat the ease that comes with baking them. Skip standing over a hot stove and instead bake the whole batch at once on a sheet pan. The results are equally tender, sweet and crowd-pleasing.

Baked crab cakes couldn't be simpler to make. Combine lump crab meat with seasonings and just enough filler in the form of egg and panko breadcrumbs for it to hold together. Shape the mixture into patties and chill them for 10 minutes, which ensures they'll firm up a bit so they won't fall apart in the oven.

The patties are then transferred to the oven and baked until lightly browned and just cooked through.

The best temperature for crab cakes to bake at is 425 degrees. This high temperature means they'll cook quickly — in under 20 minutes — and will also brown nicely.

While these baked crab cakes are best enjoyed fresh, they can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to two days. Enjoy leftovers cold, at room temperature or reheated in a low-temperature oven.



These baked crab cakes put the sweet and tender seafood front and center by leaving breading and filler to a minimum. **KRISTINA VANNI/THEKITCHNCOM**

BAKED CRAB CAKES

Makes: 4 servings, 8 (3-inch) crab cakes
1 small lemon
6 sprigs fresh parsley
1 large egg
¼ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon hot sauce
½ teaspoon kosher salt
1 pound jumbo lump crab meat
¼ cup panko breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons olive oil
1. Arrange a rack in the bottom third of the oven and heat the oven to 425 degrees.
2. Finely grate the zest of 1 small lemon into a large bowl (about 2 teaspoons). Halve the zested lemon and set aside. Finely chop the leaves of 6 sprigs fresh parsley to get about 3 tablespoons and add it to the bowl of lemon zest.
3. Add 1 large egg and whisk with a fork until broken up. Add ¼ cup mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, 1 teaspoon hot sauce and ½ teaspoon kosher salt. Whisk with a fork to combine.
4. Drain 1 pound jumbo lump crab meat and pick the meat over for shells. Add the crab and ¼ cup panko breadcrumbs to the bowl. Gently toss to combine, being careful not to break up the crab too much. Cover and refrigerate for 10 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, line two plates with parchment paper. Drizzle 2 tablespoons olive oil onto a rimmed baking sheet and use your hands to coat the pan evenly with the oil.
6. Shape the crab mixture firmly into 8 (⅓-cup) patties that are about 3 inches in diameter. Place on the parchment-lined plates and refrigerate for at least 10 minutes or up to 1 hour.
7. Transfer the crab cakes to the prepared baking sheet, spacing them evenly apart. Bake until the crab cakes lift easily off the baking sheet with a thin metal spatula and are lightly browned on the bottoms, about 10 minutes. Carefully flip and continue to bake until the second side lifts easily off the pan and is lightly browned, 5 to 8 minutes more. Transfer to individual plates. Squeeze the juice from the reserved halves of the zested lemon over the crab cakes just before serving.
Note: The crab cakes can be formed and refrigerated up to one day ahead before cooking.